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WORLD OF RADIO 1913 contents: Antarctica, Argentina non, Bahrain, Botswana, Brasil, Chile, China, Cuba, Denmark, Eritrea non [add credit for second item: Rich D`Angelo], Guam, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, International Internet & Vacuum, Korea North & South, Madagascar, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nigeria non, Papua New Guinea, Per˙, Romania, Russia, South Carolina non, Sri Lanka, Suriname, USA, Vatican non [WTFK? 7305!], Vietnam non, Zambia; and the propagation outlook

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS of WORLD OF RADIO 1913, January 16-24, 2018

Tue 2030	WRMI	9455 7780 [1912 replayed]
Tue 2130	WRMI	9455 [confirmed]
Wed 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [not confirmed: inaudible]
Wed 1030	WRMI	9455
Wed 2200	WBCQ	7490v
Thu 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [not confirmed: inaudible]
Thu 2230	WRMI	5850 [confirmed]
Fri 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB
Sat 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB
Sat 0730	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1531	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 2030v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sat 2230	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB
Sat 2300	WRMI	7780
Sun 0200	WRMI	7780
Sun 0410v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sun 1130	HLR	9485-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Mon 0030	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB

Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v-AM Area 51
Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 9455
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730
Tue 2030 WRMI 9455, 7780 [or #1914?]

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http://schedule.worldofradio.org or http://sked.worldofradio.org

For updates see our Anomaly Alert page:
http://www.worldofradio.com/anomaly.html

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:
Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-audio-plattform/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper:
http://shortwave.am/wor.xml

ANOTHER PODCAST ALTERNATIVE, tnx to Keith Weston:
http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio

NOW tnx to Keith Weston, also Podcasts via iTunes:
https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/glenn-hausers-world-of-radio/id1123369861

AND via Google Play Music:
http://bit.ly/worldofradio

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:
http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html
or http://wor.worldofradio.org

DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER`S LOG REPORTS:
Unedited, uncondensed, unchanged from original version, many of
them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated,
inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to
manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:
http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser

NOTE: I have *resolved* to make DXLD leaner, more selective, as I
seriously need to reduce my workload, much of which has been merely
editing gobs of material into presentable form. This makes it even
more important to be a member of the DXLD yg for additional material
which may not make it into weekly issues (gh)

DXLD YAHOOGROUP: Why wait for DXLD? A lot more info, not all of it

appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our yg without delay.

When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here`s where to sign up: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/

** AFGHANISTAN [and non]. 6100 kHz, RA confirmed on Jan 8th with ID and program in Arabic at 1631 UT on 6100 kHz, QRM KCBS, but blocked from 1657 UT with carrier; program in English of CRI and the program of RA from 1702 UT seems to be in Russian under CRI signal (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 13, BCDX 16 Jan via DXLD)

** ALASKA. 7560, KNLS, Huge signal at 1307 with religious pop song going on and on and on. Closing with M in Chinese at 1358, then theme music. Dead air, IS start at 1400, and Chinese opening ID at 1401, 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** ALASKA [and non]. World Christian Broadcasting's President retires National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters January 9 at 11:15pm

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

As Chaucer said over 600 years ago, ìAll good things must come to an end.î So it is that Charles Caudill, president of World Christian Broadcasting for the past 24 years, and his wife, Kathy, his Administrative Assistant, are retiring December 31, 2017.

When Charles began his leadership, World Christian Broadcasting was in a precarious situation financially. Some thought it was time to let go of this dream. Othersóincluding Charlesóknew that this work was too important to fail. As Charles steps down from his post, the ministry is in a sound position financially.. If anyone asks Charles how that transformation has happened, he will point his index finger to the sky and say, ìIt was God.î

During the time Charles has been President, the Alaska station (KNLS) has doubled its capacity and an entirely new station has been built in the island nation of Madagascar. Between the two stations with their four transmitters and five antennas, the message of Jesus Christ is now broadcast to the entire world in six languages.

When Charles and Kathy made their announcement to the staff, Charles said, ìI want you to know that where we are today is the result of Godís grace to this ministry. I do not take the credit. Only God could

foresee and lead us to where we are today. And only God could put together a staff like you. Your hard work and your persistence have brought us to where we are today. . . .î

Eighteen years ago Andy Baker, currently Vice President of Development, was selected to be ready to assume the presidency when Charles stepped down. With his crisscrossing the US constantly to talk with individuals and churches, Andy has become the voice and the face of World Christian Broadcasting to thousands of people. Charles said, ìAndy will make a great President/CEO. He is the best fundraiser I have ever known and we donít need to lose that!î

Charles Caudill will remain President Emeritus with an emphasis on Newsletters and Appeals, with help from Kathy in helping with the Newsletter and arranging dinners and other social events. They have beenóand will continue to beóincredible gifts from God to World Christian Broadcasting! (Facebook via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ALBANIA [non]. 5850, USA, WRMI at 2316 with Latin American salsa music ñ Good Jan 12 ñ This was listed as Radio Tirana on a number of sites. Perhaps it was filler due to a failure of program delivery? (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

5850, Jan 16 at 2300.5, Brazilian song music fill, no show of Radio Tirana relay. At 2306 playing the Bahamas promotional song in English. Checking since Mark Coady also noticed Tirana absent on Jan 12. I`ve notified Jeff White about this. A Spanish ID by Dino ran at 2300.0, following some music, following a gospel huxtress in English poorly recorded on amateur equipment (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) same situation Jan 17 and 18 (gh)

** ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. 4760, ANDAMAN ISLANDS, AIR Port Blair?? Just a carrier here at 1155. Getting blasted by a ute on the low side and strong CODAR on top 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** ANGOLA. 4849.7, RNA-Canal "A", Mulenvos, 1743-1837, 05/1, programa ConstelaÁıes, com m˙sica, texto, ..., canÁıes.´; 35332. Nada a dizer quanto ‡ modulaÁ„o ou nÌvel de ·udio que chega ao tx, situaÁ„o que j· dura h· alguns meses e que talvez n„o seja uma coincidÍncia. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. R¡DIO ECCL…SIA NATIONWIDE COVERAGE

http://www.signis.net/news/media/16-01-2018/in-angola-radio-ecclesia-can-now-be-

broadcast-all-over-the-country

Angola - original news --- In Angola, Radio EcclÈsia can now be broadcast all over the country

Luanda, January 16th, 2018 (RFI). In Angola, the Church welcomes President LourenÁo's decision to allow Radio EcclÈsia, a catholic radio station, to broadcast nationwide. For now, Radio EcclÈsia could only be captured in the Angolan capital. This decision marks a rapprochement between Luanda and the Church, which has sometimes been opposed to the power in place.

This was a message that pleased Catholics at Jo„o LourenÁo's first press conference earlier this week in Luanda. Radio EcclÈsia will be authorized everywhere in Angola, and not only in the capital. "This is the radio of a Church that we consider serious," he said. Broadening the diffusion will help us, perhaps, to curb the proliferation of sects that have appeared in our country in recent years."

For the spokesman of the Episcopal Conference of Angola, Bishop JosÈ Manuel Imbaba, it is the end of a "great injustice". "I welcome the decision of the President of the Republic and congratulate him for his political courage," he said. Now it's up to us to roll up our sleeves and do the right thing for the voice of the Church to be heard across the country."

The green light given to Radio EcclÈsia is all the more significant as the Church has sometimes been critical of the power. The bishops have already supported, in a pastoral letter, that Angolans could only "dream", 40 years after independence, of a country "prosperous, democratic and without corruption".
(via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 16 January 2018, DXLD)

additional info: This seems to end a long dispute between the government and the Catholic church about additional FM outlets outside of the capital. In the years 2000-2002 and 2002-2004, R·dio EcclÈsia used short wave from Juelich (Germany) and Meyerton (South Africa) to achieve nationwide coverage. However in a goodwill gesture, the Roman Catholic church promised not to use short wave any longer. See also http://www.evrel.ewf.uni-erlangen.de/pesc/peaceradio-ANG.html
(Dr Hansjoerg Biener 16 January 2018, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. Captaciones de Antonio Paredes, desde Argentina:
El verano austral es obviamente la mejor Època para escuchar comunicaciones ant·rticas. Aunque es cada vez m·s difÌcil, con paciencia y perseverancia podemos todavÌa tener alguna sorpresa:

7775-USB, Base ant·rtica Rothera de la British Antarctic Survey (BAS)

en comunicaciÛn con "SKY BLUE" y VP-FAZ
7775 usb BAS Rothera Sky Blue VP FAZ 03jan18 2250z YOUTUBE.COM

[VP-FAZ is probably an aircraft callsign, rather than someone`s initials as I first guessed --- gh]

Antonio Javier Paredes M - Escucha complementaria de diciembre de 2008
https://soundcloud.com/.../7775u-bas-rothera-sky-blue...
7775U - BAS - Rothera - Sky Blue - VPFAZ - 27dic08 - 2028z
Guardar SOUNDCLOUD.COM (via ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

Note that is from nine years ago! Above truncated URL won`t work, so I search for it at 404 page and get it here:
https://soundcloud.com/search?q=u-bas-rothera-sky-blue
It`s 39:34 long (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 6973 kHz Radio Lupo - Argentina Con musicas Argentina a las 0039 UT, Dia 31 deciembre 2017, SINPO 34233, Llegou con el som mediano
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMRQCtY5SXU
RX: Yaesu FRG 8800. Antena: Beverage simples. DXer: (Daniel Wyllyans - SÌtio: Estrela do Araguia [sic] - Nova Xavantina - Mato Grosso - Brasil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD) See also SOUTH AMERICA

** ARGENTINA [non]. /USA, RAE Argentina to the World via WRMI: New schedule, die neuen Frequenzen sind ja wieder anders als erwartet. Stehen so jetzt auch auf der RAE-Website
<http://www.radionacional.com.ar/rae-aleman/>

Mal sehen, was sonst noch bei WRMI geaendert wird. Da hast Du recht, dass Du mit dem Update noch wartest (Michael Bethge-D WWDXC, via wb df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 8, BCDX 16 Jan via DXLD)

[google translate:] The new frequencies are again different than expected. Stand now on the RAE website
<Http://www.radionacional.com.ar/rae-aleman/>

Let's see what else is changed at WRMI. There you are right, that you still wait for the update (Michael Bethge, D, WWDXC, via wb df5sx, BC-DX TopNews Jan 8, BCDX 16 Jan via DXLD) Alluding to no 9395 at 19?

9395, Jan 11 at 1915, RAE German relay is again AWOL for the fourth day, instead apparently World Music default fill, and not // 9455 in Oldies as evidenced by Bob Biermann announcement there. Both poor signals here at midday. Another check at 2005, when 9395 is supposed to be RAE in Italian: NO, the Cayman Islands promotional song is playing from the World Music loop! And now 9455 is VORW.

9395, Fri Jan 12 at 1900, WRMI with song in Spanish? 1902 seguÈ to another, Japanese or Korean? Anyhow, it is certainly not RAE auf die Welt, as scheduled since Jan 8 in German but yet to appear. Presumably Italian also absent at 20 on same, tho not checked today. I posted a reply Jan 11 on the GRA blog to the alleged new schedule, correcting it, but as of Jan 13 it still awaits ``moderation``; only I can see this:

``Guillermo Glenn Hauser dice:
Tu comentario todavÌa no se ha moderado.
11/01/2018 en 2:19

L·stima que hasta el 10 de enero no aparecen el alem·n ni italiano en 9395. El portuguÈs a las 12 emite tambiÈn en 9455. El japonÈs y chino no se emitieron el lunes; tal vez de martes a s·bados.``
https://gruporadioescuchaargentino.wordpress.com/2018/01/09/rae-argentina-al-mundo-presenta-su-nuevo-esquema-de-transmisiones-via-wrmi/#respondo

Yet some newer entries have been posted on that blog. Info from Argentina itself has never been 100% correct about the relays (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA [non]. 9395, USA, RAE (via WRMI) presumed the one at 2038 with non-stop Italian pop and folk vocals and instrumentals to Keith Perron with WRMI ID at 2059 ñ Very Good Jan 14 ñ Nothing else was listed so this could have been filler but it is interesting to note Argentinians of Italian descent make up 45% of the population. Both my Italian father-in-law and mother-in-law had several relatives move to Argentina after WWII. Pope Francis is the son of Italian immigrants to Argentina. (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

That was Sunday, when Italian RAE is *not* scheduled. It is scheduled on weekdays since Jan 8, but yet to show up (gh, DXLD)

9395, Jan 15 at 1929, WRMI S9+20 playing that neat Greek tune which is a well-worn part of the World Music default loop, i.e. for the second week, still no relay of RAE in German as now scheduled. Well, at least at 1945 any disappointed Germans are able to hear that jaunty beer-hall song in German. By 1958 the Qur`an ``song`` with reverb is playing from World Music, and it runs right thru hourtop past 2002, as RAE Italian is also AWOL (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Still missing Jan 17 and 18 and 19 (gh)

** ASCENSION. 17830, BBC/WS at 1710 hours with current events program. Monitored on Grundig satellit and outdoor Slinky, Good, Jan. 15 (Rick Barton, AZ, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) extended an hour to 1800

** AUSTRALIA. AUSTR¡LIA, 5045 Ozy R, Newcastle, N.™ Gales do Sul, 1823-1940, 06/1, inglÍs, m˙sica pop', notici·rio (p); 25331. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No luck with the Aussies 5045 Ozy R. or 5055 4KZ. They were both there, just not strong enough to get any audio. Had a very weak signal on 3260 [PNG], but what was most likely Palangkaraya on 3325, 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

[and non-log]. 5055, Radio 4KZ, brief check at 1452, on Jan 13, found off the air; no carrier at all, while Ozy Radio (5045) was on the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ron, I was listening at the exact same time and also noted 5045 only fair but no trace of 5055. My first thought was - "what did Ron note? I'd better let him know!" 73 (Don Moman, AB, ibid.)

Hi Don, Jan 14 - Seems that Al Kirton (general manager of Radio 4KZ) has started some type of an abbreviated schedule. Today heard at 1136, but clearly off the air at 1307 check (Ron Howard, ibid.)

Hi Don, Yes, 4KZ is in fact on a new schedule. This per Al, on Jan 14 (2320 UT):

"We are running from 7 am to 10 pm Queensland time. Thatís 2100 to 1200 GMT I think. We are happy to extend hours if there is a call for it. Cheers, Al" So 5055 kHz. is currently on from 2100 to 1200 UT (Ron Howard, ibid.)

5045, Ozy Radio, on Jan 15, at 1215. Sounded like a PSA, along with ID; pop songs; Australian folk group The Seekers, with "A World of Our Own," etc.; best in LSB.

5055, Radio 4KZ. Best in USB; 1144-1205*, Jan 15. Checking for the new sign off time; did go off the air, so tuned away, assuming they were really off for good, but not so; a 1223 check, found them back on the air again; still broadcasting 1357+; mostly pop songs ("I Want to Know What Love Is" by Foreigner, etc.). Ozy Radio (5045) better today than 4KZ (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5045 & 5055, Jan 15 at 1354, JBA carriers presumably from Ozy Radio and 4KZ. Hours for these are quite flexible; concerning yesterday, Ron

Howard in California reported (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5055, 4KZ (presumed) 1259-1310 getting bits of M talk a few times and music on very short peaks of a no more than 1.5 seconds. Fading. Still barely visible in the Perseus display at 1438. Wish I would have been on frequency earlier at my local sunrise, 15 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Jan 16, at 0437 UT, received this updated schedule from Al Kirton:

"4KZ shortwave 5055 kHz Innisfailís new operating time from today is 0555 to 0006 local QLD time. Reports most welcome." So that would make it 1955 to 1406 UT? (Ron Howard, ibid.)

Ron, yes that is correct. QLD is UT +10 year-round. Regards, (Brian Powell (VK2FBAJ), ibid.)

Hi Glenn, Happened to check this morning and 4KZ was in this morning with a fair signal from tune in at 1402 to past 1430, so the hours do indeed seem flexible. Regards, (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore, AB, Canada, Jan 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Brian! Jan 16 - Noted 4KZ (5055) went off the air at 1405* today. Also heard at the same time (1405:17*), on the East Coast by Dave Valko. Poor conditions, as both Radio 4KZ and Ozy Radio (5045) with below threshold level audio, unlike yesterday`s receptions in which I could ID some of the songs (Ron Howard, ibid.)

5045even fq, Ozy Radio by John Wright from Sydney reported by Razorback location, again with hard rock program at 1245 UT Jan 16, S=9 or -72dBm power, a lot of FM / telecom masts seen on the Razorback peak. Zoom in and out

<https://goo.gl/maps/XXgJzbWSQLC2>
<https://goo.gl/maps/STCfrBD67Fq>
<https://goo.gl/maps/j74jFMeUQeQ2>
<https://goo.gl/maps/2ocu6VRtcdM2>

5054.999 fq Radio 4KZ, 1 Edith Street, Innisfail, Queensland 4860.
<https://goo.gl/maps/oHb4oKiL8aR2>
<https://goo.gl/maps/i6uNXUEqjY42>

S=5 or -92dBm strength at 1256 UT on Jan 16 in Brisbane remote SDR.

RR to <reception -at- 4kz.com.au> website
<http://www.nqradio.com.au/>

<https://binged.it/2DcbEjP>
(Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc TopNews Jan 16, BCDX 16 Jan via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. AUSTR¡LIA, 6230-BLS, EstaÁ„o MeteorolÛgica VMW, Wiluna, Austr·lia Ocidental, 1702-1704*, 09/1, avisos meteorolÛgicos; 25442.

12365-BLS, EstaÁ„o MeteorolÛgica VMC, Charleville, QLD, 1305-..., 05/1, avisos meteorolÛgicos; 15341. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. DAB+ in Australien: A Technical Look at Digital Radio in Australia - What Is DAB+ and How Does It Work?
<https:\\mediarealm.com.au/articles/digital-radio-australia-dabplustechnical-overview>
(via Hubert Kubiak-AUT, via Herbert Meixner-AUT, A-DX ng Jan 8 via BCDX 16 Jan via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. 11955, Jan 11 at 1514, S9+10 of YL in uncertain language, during some glitches on the carrier. HFCC shows it`s AWR Turkish, 300 kW via Moosbrunn, this semihour daily (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN. 9745, Programme change on 9745 kHz confirmed in period 5-12 Jan 2018: instead of previous General Program in Arabic, now is already Shabab (= Youth) Programme in Arabic featuring mainly rap-disco-techno songs in Arabic.

Noted IDs, on Jan 5th at 0135 UT; on Jan 6th at 0517 UT as "ninety eight point four Shabab eF eM"; at 1518 UT a jingle "Shabab ef em", same also on the next days and nights. Usually ID is around 15th minute of the hour (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 13, BCDX 16 Jan via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar. Nice subcontinental music at 1153. W announcer at 1155, followed by more subcont. music. On top of China which was on 4749.99, 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BHUTAN. 6035, BBS Surprised to find it on this morning mixing with Yunnan at 1200 (Yunnan in usual music and BBS with talk by M), then clear of Yunnan once it went off at 1201:43. 1202 indigenous music briefly, then soft-spoken M with apparent news. More local music on stringed instrumental at 1213, M once again, and local string music continued at 1216 for about 45 seconds, then different deep-voice M announcer to 1218. Music briefly again then canned announcement by alternating M and W followed by the same deep-voiced M, and more local music with M subtle M vocal until suddenly going off at 1224:51. The

incessant Cuban jammer on 6030 always causes slop QRM for 6035; 10 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

6035, no sign of Bhutan. Only Yunnan here today going off at 1200:56. 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BIAFRA [non]. (9955, 11530), Jan 15 at 0520 check, the main WRMI webcast labeled RAE, after 9955 is off with no BS to fill it, is again carrying R. Biafra during this semihour, music, then YL in Igbo with schedule announcement, numbers in English, mentioning 7240 (via France) and ``1153``, stumbling over 11530, ex-frequency via WRMI. Probably webcast every night at this time, but no longer on any WRMI SW frequency. Maybe feed to France? Is that still on air? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, R. Mosoj Chaski, 0959 Quechua talk by M announcer including a nice ID, then into instrumental Andean music. 1001 W announcer briefly more CP vocal music. Fair signal, 14 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA [and non]. BOLIVIA/USA [Slovakia], Noted a strong heterodyne whistle tone, when checked remote Perseus SDR in Edmonton, Alberta:

5950 even, WRMI Okeechobee tx #14 at 181degr southwards, RSI Radio Slovakia International in Spanish at 0045 UT, station ID at 0051 UT on Jan 12, S=8 signal in Alberta, but interfering whistle tone from Bolivia Radio Pio XII radio program on S=7 level on odd frequency 5952.430 kHz. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang Buschel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BOTSWANA. 4930, VOA, continuing with their expanded schedule; Jan 13 at 0042; first time I have ever heard indigenous African music here, usually only hearing Western style pop songs (The hit - VOA 1, English language music network). Program called "African Music Mix"; this from their website:

"From North to South and East to West, African Music Mix plays only the best. Tune in and enjoy the non-stop dance-party with your favorite African artists. Drawing from an archive of over 15,000 African selections of dance music styles such as N'dombolo, Benga, Hip-Life, Couper-Decaler, Fuji, Mbalax, Rai, Kwaito, Hip Hop, and Desert Blues. Join the party and listen to African Music Mix, the best variety of African dance music."
http://www.voanews.com/z/1437/about

Later, after 0105, carried "The hit - VOA 1" music show (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Escutas DX Brasil 60 e 90 metros bandas

BRASIL
4845, R·dio Cultura do Amazonas passando o jornal a Voz do Brasil falando sobre a soja brasileira, SINPO 33333, ‡s 2315 UT, Dia 10 de Janeiro 2018

4862, R·dio Alvorada de Londrina - Londrina - Paran·, locutor com coment·rios sobre crÍ em Deus pai e filho Jesus Cristo, SINPO 34233, ‡s 2319 UT, Dia 10 de Janeiro 2018

4885, R·dio Clube do Par· - BelÈm - Par·. Locutor fala sobre o futebol paraenses do Payasandu da sÈrie B, SINPO 43444, QRM da R·dio Difusora Acreana, 2325 UT, Dia 10 de Janeiro 2018

4885, R·dio Difusora Acreana - Rio Branco - Acre. Passando m˙sica sertaneja, depois locutor com coment·rios, SINPO 32222, ‡s 2327 UT, Dia 10 de Janeiro 2018

4905, R·dio RelÛgio - Rio de Janeiro / RJ. Passando coment·rios Gospel e oraÁ„o para tirar alegria no joelho por R. R Soares, SINPO 32222, QRM de emissora da China ‡s 2332 UT, Dia 10 de Janeiro 2017

4925, R·dio EducaÁ„o Rural de TefÈ - TefÈ / Amazonas, passando comerciais sobre energia e cadastramento de sorteio de uma loja, SINPO 34333 ‡s 2336 UT, Dia 10 de Janeiro 2018

4965, R·dio Alvorada de Parintins - Parintins - Amazonas. Locutor e locutora falando sobre debate de polÌtica; depois locutor falou "Aqui na Clube", SINPO 44333 ‡s 1029 UT, Dia 11 de Janeiro 2018

4985, R·dio Brasil Central È OFF, hoje dia 11 de Janeiro de 2018 ‡s 1032 UT

3375, R·dio Municipal. Chegando aqui h· semanas, ela È OFF nesse inÌcio de 2018 ªª Rechecando ‡s 1036 UT de 11 de Janeiro 2018, OFF

4895, ªCarrierª Portadora da R·dio Novo Tempo de Campo Grande - Mato Grosso do Sul, sÚmente o carrier com o ·udio OFF [fora], 2307 UT, SINPO 34333, Day 10 January 2018

ªªªRechecando agora de manh„ ‡s 1022, sÚmente a portadora ou carrier; novamente o ·udio est· OFF. Dia 11 de Janeiro 2018, SINPO do carrier

44333

4895, Rechecando novamente, aqui continua sÚmente a portadora da R·dio Novo Tempo de Campo Grande / MS, o ·udio est· OFF, desligado, 1620 UT, Dia 11 de Janeiro 2018

RX: Yaesu FRG 8800, Antena: Beverage simples. DXer: (Daniel Wyllyans, SÌtio Estrela do Araguaia - Nova Xavantina - Mato Grosso - Brasil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. R¡DIO CASA 8000 kHz - Amparo - S„o Paulo - Brasil (Pirata)

Grupo Radioescutas e Dexismo no Watsapp:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/BOPEXnLnaS25uE4XXD4m83
Daniel Wyllyans

NOVA EMISSORA NO AR 8000 KHZ R¡DIO CASA do Brasil cidade ainda n„o identificada, 2320 UT

¡udio : *********

[12/1 20:22] ?Jairo Barbosa: Interior de S„o Paulo
[12/1 20:23] Daniel Wyllyans & Elizia: Sabe a cidade exata?
[12/1 20:23] Daniel Wyllyans & Elizia: O estado ja me ajudou obrigado.
[12/1 20:24] ?Jairo Barbosa: Paulo Labastie sabe
[12/1 20:24] ?Jairo Barbosa: Tem atÈ o zap dela
[12/1 20:25] Daniel Wyllyans & Elizia: 2324 UT R·dio Casa com m˙sicas, agora tenho QRM de radioamadores [sic] 8000 kHz.
[12/1 20:34] ?Paulo Michelon: Radio.amadores em 8000 impossivel deve ser aviacao ou marinha interferindo valmet
[12/1 20:47] C·ssio Santos: Radioamadores eu n„o digo. Mas, pescadores e camioneiros ou piratas j· ouvi em tudo quanto È freq¸Íncia. AtÈ em 10.000kHz j· ouvi pescadores falando...
[12/1 21:02] Daniel Wyllyans & Elizia: Realmente oficial esses radioamadores n„o s„o em 8000 kHz. Esqueci de colocar o termo radioamador clandestino pelos coment·rios deles È de Barco de pesca. Agora ‡s 0001 UT

Eles sumiram de 8000 kHz, sÚmente est· a R·dio Casa no ar com m˙sicas.
[12/1 21:07] C·ssio Santos: CONTATO WATSAPP R¡DIO CASA =ª +55 19 99945-6585
[12/1 21:10] C·ssio Santos: Eu reportei pra ele quanto eu sintonizei. Ela fica no ar todos os dias das 11:00 as 23:00h
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Informe de recepÁ„o enviado pelo watsapp da R·dio Casa:ª
+55 19 99945-6585

Ol·, estou ouvindo vocÍs aqui no SÌtio Estrela do Araguaia em Nova

Xavantina / MT; de qual cidade vocÍs s„o? Gostaria de receber um e-Qsl. Segue meu informe de hoje 12 de Janeiro 2018 ‡s 2302 UT, M˙sica de Vitor e Leo "Seu Jardim sou eu".
2324 UT R·dio Casa com m˙sicas e agora tenho QRM De radioamadores 8000 khz.
2329 UT Agora m˙sica sÚmente.
2332 UT Locutor fala "Sua R·dio Casa".
2337 UT Tocam m˙sica no idioma inglÍs
2344 UT Locutor fala v·rios slogans: "R·dio Casa".
2352 UT M˙sica de MPB. [popular Brazilian music]

Resposta recebida da R·dio Casa 8000 kHz:
[12/1 21:36] R·dio Casa: Obrigado pela sua escuta. A estaÁ„o È de Amparo no estado de S„o Paulo
[12/1 21:37] R·dio Casa: Ainda somos novos, estamos comeÁando em ondas curtas
[12/1 21:38] R·dio Casa: Em breve emitiremos QSL (all via Daniel Wyllyans, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

8000 kHz R·dio Casa - Amparo / SP - Brasil com m˙sica. SINPO 34232 as 2335 UT, Dia 12 de Janeiro 2018
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1rhKS5MHo8

RX: Yaesu FRG 8800, Antena: Beverage simples, DXer: (Daniel Wyllyans - SÌtio Estrela do Araguaia - Nova Xavantina - Mato Grosso - Brasil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

I have been picking up a carrier from Radio Casa here in the USA on 7999.72 the last few evenings. No audio yet, but still trying.
(Chris Smolinski, Westminster, MD USA, Black Cat Systems
http://www.blackcatsystems.com
0204 ut Jan 14, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL. 4875. Jan 13, 2018. 0300-0310, R·dio Difusora de Roraima, Boa Vista-RR, em PortuguÍs. Neste hor·rio, RDR apresenta um programa religioso da igreja AssemblÈia de Deus: Pastor faz sua pregaÁ„o; 0303 Uma m˙sica gospel. Hoje ‡ noite, R·dio Roraima apresenta sinal e modulaÁ„o satisfatÛrios, n„o usual, aquÌ em minha ·rea, 35433.

4885. Jan 13, 2018. 0250-0300, R·dio Clube do Par·, BelÈm-PA, em PortuguÍs. Locutor fala e comenta sobre o futebol paraense e regional. Esta noite, RCP com sinal e modulaÁ„o satisfatÛrios, o que n„o È usual em minha ·rea, 35433 (DXer: Jose Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brasil, Sony 7600GR & Tecsun S-2000, Antena: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 6180, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia at 0048 in Portuguese with

a woman then a man with talk with mentions of ìBrasilî and ìBrasÌliaî ñ Poor and noisy Jan 11 Coady-ON [rare to be heard even at night - gh]

11780, BRAZIL, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia at 2103 in Portuguese with a man and a woman with a telephone interview of another man then a brief ìRadiobr·sî ID at 2107 and back to the interview ñ Fair to Good with frequent brief transmitter breaks Jan 11 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9550.05, Super R. Boa Vontade, Portuguese talk by W at 0940, // 6160.02 which was very poor. This frequency better. I believe this was the first time Iíve been able to // these frequencies, 13 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9665.004, Jan 16 at 0714, Voz Mission·ria hugging the nominal, S9-S5 and well audible with some nice lively songs, for wake-up time after 5 am local. Much better than 9675- or any other ZY on the band (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 10000 kHz, ObservatÛrio Nacional - Rio de Janeiro / RJ. Locutora fala "ObservatÛrio nacional 15 horas 17 minutos 40 segundos Dia 09 Janeiro 2018, 1717 UT
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4hDNq_wITs

RX: Yaesu FRG 8800. Antena: Beverage simples. DXer: (Daniel Wyllyans, SÌtio Estrela do Araguaia - Nova Xavantina - Mato Grosso - Brasil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 11895.06, Super R. Boa Vontade, 1012-1032 religious talk by W program host in Portuguese with ID at 1016. Mentions of Gloria, Jesus, Jesus Cristo, espirito Santo, amor. 1027 canned announcement by M and W with mention of ìBible ??î and contact info. 1029 W with mention of ìoficial do Brasilî and S„o Paulo. Then religious vocal song 1029-1033. 1035 ID by little girl and then by same W. M announcer continued the program then to at least 1045, but was fading badly then. Seemed to peak around 1020-1025. No //ís found. Nothing on any of the frequencies on any web receivers from Brazil either. This frequency best heard in a while, 14 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL, 4845, R. Cultura do Amazonas, Manaus AM, 2231-2241, 08/1, canÁıes; 35332.

4862.5, R. Alvorada, Londrina PR, 2205-2214, 09/1, texto, aparentemente, propaganda religiosa; 25321.

4875.3, R. Roraima, Boa Vista RR, 2317-2327, 04/1, notici·rio nacional A Voz do Brasil; 45343.

4875.3, idem, 2232-..., 08/1, canÁıes, portadora vazia, 2237-2240, apÛs o que o ·udio ficou mais dÈbil; 35332.

4885, R. Dif.™ Acreana, Rio Branco AC, 2236-2245, 05/1, canÁıes, texto; 33431, QRM do Brasil.

4925, R. EducaÁ„o Rural, TefÈ AM, 2319-2329, 04/1, propag. relig.; 25331.

4985, R. Brasil Central, Goi,nia GO, 2239-..., 05/1, canÁıes; 32441, QRM de teletipo.

5035, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2241-2251, 05/1, texto; 25331. Melhor sinal em 09/1, pelas 2200.

5939.8, R. Voz Mission·ria, Cambori˙ SC, 2243-2253, 05/1, propag. relig.; 35433.

6040.7, R. Evangelizar, Curitiba PR, 2328-2338, 04/1, prgr. de propag. relig. Direito ‡ Vida; 45433.

6080, R. Marumby, Curitiba PR, 2325-2335, 04/1, prgr. Musical EvangÈlico; 35343.

9515, R. Marumby, Curitiba PR, 1932-1943, 06/1, propag. relig.; 25432.

9550, R. Boa Vontade, Pt.∫ Alegre RS, 1934-1945, 06/1, propag. relig.; 24431, QRM adjacente. // 11895.1 com SINPO 24432.

9564.9, SRDA, Curitiba PR, 1907-1918, 04/1, propag. relig.; 33442, QRM adjacente. Melhor sinal em 05/1, pelas 1740.

9665, R. Voz Mission·ria, Cambori˙ SC, 1903-1915, 04/1, canÁıes; 35433.

9674.9, R.CanÁ„o Nova, Cachoeira Paulista SP, 1735-1753, 06/1, texto, m˙sica pop'; 25442, em ascens„o.

9674.9, idem, 2300-2312, 08/1, prgr. de propag. relig. apresentado pelo Pe. P.H.; 35443, alguma distorÁ„o.

9725.4, R. Evangelizar, Curitiba PR, 1738-1754, 06/1, canÁıes; 35443, em ascens„o.

9819.1, R. 9 de Julho, S„o Paulo SP, 1905-1917, 04/1, missa; 35332.

11735, R. Transmundial, St.™ M.™ RS, 1235-1303, 05/1, propa. relig., notici·rio, ‡s 1258; 35443.

11735, idem, 1715-1733, 09/1, propag. relig., m˙sica; 34443, QRM da TZA.

11815, R. Brasil Central, Goi,nia GO, 1228-1304, 05/1, Prgr. Fala Goi·s, incl. Agenda Cultural e Momento Agro-Pecu·rio, entre outras rubricas; 25432.

11815 idem, 1730-1755, 09/1, canÁıes, notici·rio das 1730, tudo no ,mbito do prgr. Show da Tarde; 35433.

11854.8, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 1728-1752, 09/1, canÁıes, concurso, dedicatÛrias musicais; 34432, QRM adj., mas sinal em ascens„o.

11854.9, idem, 1220-1315, 06/1, canÁıes, informaÁıes, notici·rio das 1300; 24432, QRM adjacente.

11895.1, R. Boa Vontade, Pt.∫ Alegre RS, 1231-1258, 05/1, canÁıes e propag. relig.; 15431, QRM adj., a partir das 1300.

11895.2, idem, 1725-1745, 09/1, propag. relig.; 35432, QRM adj., apÛs as 1730.

11915, R. Ga˙cha, Pt.∫ Alegre RS, 1720-1754, 09/1, entrevista, an˙ncios comerciais, informaÁıes v·rias; 25432.

11934.9, R. Evangelizar, Curitiba PR, 1301-1325, 06/1, propag. relig.; 244432, QRM adjacente,

11935 idem, 1910-1920, 04/1, propag. relig., chamadas de ouvintes; 24432, QRM adjacente.

15190, R. InconfidÍncia (?), Belo Horizonte MG, 2220-..., 06/1, texto; 15321.

15190, R. InconfidÍncia, 1244-1320, 09/1, prgr. Di·rio da R·dio, canÁıes; 15441. Voltamos a encontrar uma incongruÍncia linguÌstica, pois o programa È anunciado como "Di·rio do R·dio". 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST) i.e., wrong gender for this meaning (gh)

** BRAZIL. Jan 11:
5910v nothing, HJDH Alcavar·n Radio, Puerto Lleras,

6010v nothing, HJDH La Voz de tu Conciencia Puerto Lleras.

but co-channel Brazilian ZYE21, R InconfidÍncia Belo Horizonte MG, 0612 UT, 6011.777 kHz very odd fq this morning, but stronger signal now, extreme!

5939.805, chorus Greensleeves, til 0614 UT, S=7-8 in Alberta CAN

6040.675, R Evangelizar Curitiba at 0621 UT, noisy tiny S=4-5.

6059.832, SRDA at 0624 UT Jan 11, S=5 only [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX Topnews Jan 11, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. New entries SPC-NURTS Sofia Kostinbrod
15100 kHz 0800-2100 UT.
15110 kHz 1600-1700 UT 100kW 190degr
via ITU shortwave antenna type #618. to zones 57, 47, 48, 52, 53, whole Africa, but zone 46 of West Africa target missed in this list? Mainlobe 190degr towards Libya, Tchad, CFA [CAR?], Angola, +/- 30degrees sidelobes. Owerri Biafra location is approx. 206degrees direction from Kostinbrod. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See NIGERIA [non]

** BULGARIA [and non]. Shortwave Radiogram, 13-14 Jan

Shortwave Radiogram this weekend is mostly in the usual MFSK32, but one item is in Thor 22, including an avatar and an image.

Details and schedule:
http://swradiogram.net/post/169620946087/shortwave-radiogram-13-14-january-2018-fun-with
(Kim Elliott, VA, Jan 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Once again, I turned to THOR Micro and did a comparison test versus MFSK8, a frequent winner in terms of pure noise (as part of the radiograms). I am really impressed with the absolutely clear results in favor of THOR Micro. This, apparently for the weakest groundwaves (LF) designed digital mode, plays in another league of noise-breakers. Far beyond the readability of an RSID or single MFSK8 letters, THOR Micro convinced with 100% decoding. The signal is no longer audible in the noise, only a clear trace in the spectral frequency view can be seen. Here is the link to my test wave file, which you can listen to and decode: (THOR Micro @ 1500 Hz, adjust manually)
http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/SW_Radiogram_2018-01-06.htm#THORmicroTEST
(roger, ibid.)

** CHILE. Nuevas frecuencias de Radio CompaÒÌa Worldwide.

Estimados amigos #SWL
<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/swl?source=feed_text&story_id=1789543654397349>
comunicamos a ustedes que desde hoy nuestra pequeÒa estaciÛn de Onda
Corta comenz[ar]· pruebas en la banda de 49 metros. Las frecuencias
son 5900 - 6092 - 6155 kHz, sin olvidar la usual 6925. (Una a la vez)
Estas pruebas son para afrontar de mejor manera la baja actividad
solar que es desfavorable en frecuencias m·s altas. Estaremos por 5900
(5899.55 kHz) hasta las 0335 UT. Saludos cordiales desde San Francisco
- Chile. Fuente:
https://www.facebook.com/rcwradio/posts/1789543654397349
(via Claudio Galaz, Chile, 0325 UT Jan 15, condiglista yg via WORLD OF
RADIO 1913, DXLD)

** CHILE. Arrow Chile TV Received in Australia
http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?11743-Chile-TV-Received-in-
Australia&p=45335#post45335

Todd from Sydney, Australia received Santiago, Chile NTSC TV channel
two on the morning of January 13, 2018 starting at 10:44 to 11:09 am
(AEDT). [2344-2409 UT]

It is believed he heard the video carrier from Telecanal using call
sign XRF-449a running 10 kW from their tower-antenna on the hill of
Cerro San CristÛbal.

The tower site is 3.75 miles (6 km) northeast of Santiago University.
West of the Sheraton Santiago Hotel & Convention Center.

If you use Google Earth, enter traditional coordinate 33.25.16S
70.37.52W or GPS coordinate -33.421241 -70.631340. From this point you
will see three massive antenna towers on Manual [sic] Foster road,
northeast of the Observatory north of Cerro San CristÛbal Park.

For those who don't use the Google Earth app, here are five images.
    1. Click image for larger version. Name: TC2.jpg Views: 4 Size:
118.0 KB ID: 21274
    2. Click image for larger version. Name: TeleCanal2.jpg Views: 5
Size: 69.5 KB ID: 21275
    3. Click image for larger version. Name: TeleCanal2_GL.jpg
Views: 5 Size: 35.4 KB ID: 21276
    4. Click image for larger version. Name: TeleCanal2_GL2.jpg
Views: 4 Size: 48.9 KB ID: 21277
    5. Click image for larger version. Name: TeleCanal2_GL3.jpg
Views: 5 Size: 61.7 KB ID: 21278

Elevation of the second tower base on the hill is 2,854 feet (870
meters); 62 miles (100 km) east of the Pacific Ocean coastal town of
Punta de Traica.

NTSC channel two video carrier on odd-ball plus ++ (55.274.00 MHz) USB mode with his Icom R8500 and Hills DL4 12 element wideband VHF Yagi.

At the time of reception the antenna was aimed north towards Asia and not at 145 degrees azimuth towards Santiago, Chile, South America.

This is a 7,500 miles (11,343 km) distance Es multi-path. The mid-point path was over the Southern Ocean. [sic; see below]

Chile will shut down their analog stations in late 2019 or early 2020.

    Telecanal website: http://www.telecanal.cl/
    Telecanal Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/telecanal

Last edited by GACTVDX; 01-18-2018 at 05:27 PM. Reason: Five Image Uploads (via GACTVDX, Easton PA, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

I would have to think, there ought to be *some* link to a photo, video, or audio about this. I sure wouldn't keep something like this a secret. I assume that what was heard was buzz on 55.25?

BTW those attachments won't open for me. I guess I have to download Google Earth. I'd be happy just to see a photo or something about the DX. Are there any news stories online? c d (Chris Dunne, FL, ibid.)

DISTANCE! 11,359 km or 7,058 statute miles, approx., city-to-city, on distancefromto.net. The two are almost at the same south latitude. So the GC path goes pretty far south, tangent about 63 degrees.

What about the propagation mode? Sporadic E would have to be at least 5 hops! F2 MUF to 56 MHz would be more likely even under current conditions, maybe 3 hops. The path is almost all illuminated (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4790, Already had an OC here at 1240, presumably getting the CNR1 jammer ready for BBCís transmission at 1300. 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** CHINA. 5050, Beibu Bay Radio. More and more I'm recently hearing segments after 1500+ that are in English, as well as the normal Chinese. Jan 13, at 1512, in English explaining about some pop song; into a comedy skit that also had some English, but mostly in Chinese. More monitoring is needed to determine just how prevalent this English is (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Jan 14 - Indeed BBR definitely has an English segment between the Chinese programming; today's 1516-1521 segment was the audio feed from the Jan 3 "Jimmy Kimmel Live" ABC TV show, with interview of actress Jessica Chastain; fair and readable. My recorded audio at
http://goo.gl/VDSeqz
Youtube video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RYZEOZqWGk
(Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 7445, CNR1 at 2200 in Mandarin jamming the VOA in Mandarin via Thailand with a man and a woman with excited talk ñ Fair but noisy Jan 15 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** CHINA. 7475. Jan 16, 2018. 1915-1925, Radio Nacional da China 1, em ChinÍs. Violinos muito agudos, estridentes, "nervosos" e tambores fazem o chamado "Firedragon"(*) desta transmiss„o, com a finalidade de bloquear, neste hor·rio e atÈ as 2100utc, as transmissıes da Radio Free Asia. N„o existe intervalo, a m˙sica È continua ! (*) TambÈm conhecido como Jammer/Firedrake (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier, Local da escuta: Cabedelo-PB, Brasil, Receptor (es): Sony 7600GR, Antena: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** CHINA. 11765, CNR1 at 1500 in Mandarin jamming RFA in Mandarin via Kuwait with a fanfare and promos and into a woman with excited talk ñ Fair Jan 11 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 17525even, Mixed CNR1 Mandarin spoken jamming S=9 strength, against:
17524.993 MRA RFA Tinian relay in Tibetan language. 0243 UT Jan 14.

15340: three broadcasts terrible mixture here:
15340even CHN CNR1 Mandarin jamming against
15340.030 MRA RFA Mandarin program via Agignan Point Saipan, S=6 0314
15340 fq odd signal of SOH Sound of Hope from Taiwan. Log of Jan 14, 0230-0330 UT, remote access to Brisbane, Queensland unit [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 14 via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 6060, LV de tu Conciencia, 1118 lively Tropical music, then what sounded like a Johnny Cash song, 1123 canned ID by W, and back to music. Whenever the signal is up in this area, itís horrendously distorted. Had to use FM mode to get any kind of readable

audio. Nothing else worked. And even with the FM mode, it was unusable most of the time. At 1125:38, it suddenly jumped back down to 6009.90 and the audio was perfectly fine. End of song then another canned announcement by W, but the signal there went off at 1126:24 while the W was speaking. 11 January. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** CONGO-Brazzaville. 6115, R. Congo, Brazzaville, 1832-1851, 05/1, francÍs, prgr. de propag. relig.; 43432, modulaÁ„o com algum ruÌdo. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1210, Radio Reloj, unidentified site. 1139 January 15, 2018. Mostly poor under Radio Sancti SpÌritus and WPHT. First observed on March 10, 2016 and either not heard since or no log entries of mine bothered since. Still there until around 1235, so obviously from the western half of the island. Is it the Rebelde transmitter, which has been heard often including recently, or a third on the channel?

1310, Radio Enciclopedia, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud. 1157 January 14, 2018. Fade up briefly to fair, parallel 530 kc/s (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, All times/dates GMT, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 11635, unidentified number station at 1800. Very strong open carrier (OC) before the hour. Numbers started on the hour followed by digital data tones. Silent period beginning at 1820. Numbers were 5 digit number blocks by stilted mechanical female voice in Spanish. (This is typical of hm01 hybrid mode number station type). Number groups resume at 1826 with digital data tones resuming at 1830. Entered another silent period at 1848; that open carrier ended at 1852 (or just before noon local time). Monitored on SW-2000629 and 9' "tomato stake" antenna, Very Good, Jan. 15 (Rick Barton, AZ, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Morning Cuban radio on 60 mb, something always wrong: 5025even frequency, R Rebelde Bauta site, VERY LOW only 10% modulation, at 0611 UT S=9+15dB though in nearby Florida remote location, on Jan 11 [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX Topnews Jan 11, dxldyg via DXLD)

5025, Jan 11 at 0724, R. Rebelde is JBM with hum. Wiggle that patchcord! Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba.

5025, Jan 12 at 0700, R. Rebelde is just barely modulated, their jingle cutting thru better than anything. Something`s always wrong at

RadioCuba (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Some awful mixing products from Cuba this morning. My Ten-Tec Argonaut II does not do these kinds of internal mixing so it must be a problem with RHC. Time for Arnie and his friends to get to work.

15300, RHC at 1510 // 15230 and 15370 in Spanish with salsa music and an awful howl on this and 15230 and not as strong a howl on 15370 Jan 11 ñ Obviously some mixing products between the two primary transmitters ending up on 15300. No other station in North America was causing anything like this at the time so I can only assume the problem is in Cuba not at my QTH.

[NO, 15230 transmitter is a victim and has nothing to do with these spurs, all out of the 15370 transmitter, as I have been reporting repeatedly, as below further. Strictly speaking, not mixing products with another transmitter --- gh]

15437, RHC at 1524 // 15230, 15300, and 15300 in Spanish with salsa music and an awful howl on this one ñ Poor Jan 11 ñ More mixing products from Cuba.

15502, RHC at 1524 // 15230, 15300, 15370, and 1547 in Spanish with salsa music and an awful howl on this one ñ Poor Jan 11 -- Even more mixing products from Cuba (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

15506, 15438, 15303, 15235 approx., Jan 11 at 1521, the primary four dirty distorted spurblobs from RHC 15370, this time about 67-68 kHz spaced, and again providing much more readable audio if tuned in FM mode, still with some crackle & whine. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 15400, Jan 11 at 1522, while checking out the spurblobs from 15370, surprised to find CRI English relay here instead of 15700! Someone hit the wrong number on the keypad, and didn`t notice. The dumb transmitter said, ``OK, if that`s what you really want`` (in Chinese). As usual undermodulated almost suptorted. Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba.

15700, Jan 12 at 1422, CRI English relay fails to land on the wrong frequency today, 15400, like yesterday (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 15500-15510, 15432-15443, Jan 12 at 1424, forget SSB or AM, I start tuning RHC-FM and find I get a clear Spanish signal anywhere across these wide frequency ranges, almost as if AFC were engaged,

only problem being a continuous whine; much better than the extremely distorted filthy blobs when tuned in AM.

More of the same emanating from 15370 transmitter circa 15303, 15235, 15033 vs CHR, 14899. When someone else logged these including on 15230, he concluded intentional 15230 and 15370 were mixing to produce the others, but NOT in this case. Something`s always wrong at RHC.

15508, 15439, 15301, 15232, 15163, 15094, approx., Jan 13 at 1520, RHC-FM as much as S9+20 out of 15370-AM transmitter. Spanish programming can be heard clearly ~5 kHz above and below these frequencies when R-75 is tuning in FM mode. It`s somewhat undermodulated but not distorted, and accompanied by a constant whine. When tuned in AM or SSB modes, a horrible distorted mess of spurblobs.

Beyond there, calculated 69 kHz intervals would be: 15025, 14956, 14887, 14818, 14749, 14680 and on upper side 15577, 15646, 15715; but traces of whine are instead audible more circa: 15033, 14964, 14895, 14826, 14757, 14688; and on hi side 15577, 15646-not, 15727? The separations may have shifted while I was doing this, but I did not start over from the closer ones. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 5025, Jan 14 at 0144, R. Rebelde is S9+20 but JBM. Still same at 0702, with hum. Something`s always wrong at RadioCuba. And I currently confront an S9 noise level around 5 MHz.

4765, Jan 14 at 0144, R. Progreso is S9+20, undermodulated but much better than 5025; CODAR QRM on both sides (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4765even, Radio Progreso Bejucal site, very 'sweet' vocal duo performed. S=9+20dB in FL-US state SDR unit. 20 kHz wideband signal. rhytmo alegrÌa desde La Habana at 0330 UT Jan 14. But slight disturbtion of CODAR outlets at same time slot on 4438-4628, 4737-4762, 4801-4836, and 4884-4916 kHz.

5025even, Radio Rebelde, Bauta, VERY LOW modulated, though even S=9+35dB strong carrier at 0335 UT. Big orchestra mx, 20 kHz wideband.

5040even, RHC Bauta, much better modulated than 5025 kHz, feature on Israel boicot de la economÌa agrÌcola, UN Ginebra Suiza', S=9+40dB, fair modulation, at 0338 UT on Jan 14, 20 kHz wideband signal block visible.

5055even, Probably intermodulation at Bauta, S=4 signal in Florida. 0340 UT. Log of Jan 14 at 0330 to 0345 UT, remote access to Florida US state [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang

B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 14 via DXLD)

** CUBA. 15572-15578, 15504-15513, 15431-15445, 15299-15308, 15231-15237, 15163-15167, Jan 14 at 1447, RHC-FM can be heard without breakup over these approx. ranges, spurs out of the 15370-AM transmitter. It`s different today, as low modulation Spanish programming can also be heard in AM mode amid the spurs, rather than garbage, but always with whine. More weak whine around 15096. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From the looks of it Cuba could use some help in their filtering department (John Spicer, ibid.)

14625, 14690, 14755, 14830, 14895, 14960, 15030, 15095, 15165, 15235, 15305, 15438, VERY approx., Jan 15 at 1427-1432, blobs from RHC 15370 at 65-70 kHz intervals. This time I am tuning 5-kHz steps in the FM mode, listening for the same-pitch whine which all of them emit, the lowest being 14625 which is of the eleventh order! Fortunately they miss CHU. Hardly any on the plus side of 15370; normally there are a few but always more on the minus side. Only the closer ones provide readable modulation, 15032 and up, clearly on 15305. Something`s always (VERY!) wrong at RHC. 15370 and its constellation are all gone by 1554 check, while separate weaker fundamental 15230 remains on (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 5040, Jan 16 at 0027, S9+35, RHC almost open carrier with some crackles, which seem like talk modulation spike peaks trying to break thru, but // 9720 is S9+15 in undermodulated music at the moment. Wiggle that patchcord! Same at 0041, when 9720 is in soft-spoken Valverde talk. Something`s always wrong at RHC. Meanwhile 5025 Rebelde exhibits OK modulation to the contrary. 9720 also has some CCCCCCI, i.e. CNR2 as scheduled (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15580, 15509, 15440, 15300, 15230, 15162, 15093, 15032, Jan 16 at 1519, cursory check for the RHC FM/whine blobs today, frequencies very approximate and not much modulation, out of the 15370-AM transmitter, nothing to do with the other one intentionally on 15230. Something`s always wrong at RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. FRANCE: 9490, Radio Rep˙blica via Issoudun with Spanish OM Talx mostly over jamming. ID at 0255 mentioning both R Rep˙blica & "Cubana", as well as the SW & MW frequencies & another ID at ToH over music & continuing on with News (they are on longer than sked on MONDAYS? Or is this considered 'Sunday' since it is aimed at Cuba? 43+543 with both my local noise & jammer fighting against the otherwise clear signal. 0245-0303 8/Jan (Kenneth Vito Zichi,

Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 12 Jan via DXLD)

?? What MW frequencies? (gh, DXLD)

** CZECHIA. Czech Radio - special music programme
15 January 2018
http://www.radio.cz/en/section/hit-of-century/1923-mr-bandleader-play-me-mine

On May 18th 1923, regular radio broadcasting was launched in Czechoslovakia.. Its operator was Radiojournal. Czechoslovakia has thus become the second country in Europe to have a regular radio program after the UK (BBC).

In the early 1920's, after the stormy post-war boom, the cabaret business began to take hold in Czechoslovakia. One subsequent disadvantage was the combination of cabaret and restaurants. For example, admission to see the renowned Red Seven cabaret, which we have already talked about in past broadcasts, was not expensive; what was expensive was the wine and the food. The owner of Hotel Central on Hybernsk· Street in Prague, who rented out a room to the cabaret, blatantly profited from this. Things were not going well even in the wine cellar of the Prague Municipal House. The partnership eventually collapsed. In 1923, one of the last songs by the founder of the Red Seven cabaret group, JirÌ Cerven˝, was penned: Mr. Bandleader, Play Me Mine! It became not only a hit, but also a sort of representation of the life of the cabaretteer, who is eventually left with nothing but a track and the world of austere paragraphs. Photo: Radioservis

[hook accents over the r of Jiri and the C of Cerveny have vanished]

Here we also hear a sigh from JirÌ Cerven˝ who says "that all human life is just a game". A popular song, which is still played successfully in the Czech Republic at folk dances and balls, sung to us by Oldrich Kov·r. Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** DENMARK. PIRATAS [sic]: 5840, World Music R_?, 1836-..., 09/1, m˙sica pop'; 35332. ID via imprensa DX. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of World Music Radio Denmark, Jan 14
from 0824 on 5840 Karup-Jutland-Denmark 7 kW, weak/fair:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-world-music-radio-denmark.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of World Music Radio Denmark on Jan 15
0605 & 0807 on 5840 Karup-Jutland-Denmark 7 kW, weak to fair

World Music Radio will be soon MW 927 kHz and SW 15805 kHz

Another station from Denmark-Radio 208 will be on air soon
on the following frequencies: MW 1440 kHz and SW 11440 kHz
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-world-music-radio-denmark_15.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 14-15, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. ERITREIA, 7140, Voz das Massas, Selai Dairo, 1554-1621, 07/1, lÌngua local, texto, canÁıes notici·rio (?), ‡s 1600, m˙sica pop'; 34443, QRM de estaÁıes de amador. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7181.56, Voice of Broad Masses 2 Signal with 1 kHz tone at 0258. Switched from the tone to HoA music at 0301:24. W announcer mixing with the music. Then into HoA song at 0302. Poor signal with ham QRM. Unusual to find this at 0300 now 4 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

7181.553, Jan 14 at 1441, JBA carrier measured here, no doubt VOBME longpath. No jamming noise audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good signal of VOBME 2 Dimtsi Hafash on Jan 14:
from 1736 on 7181.5 ASM 100 kW / non-dir to EaAf Amharic
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/good-signal-of-vobme-2-dimtsi-hafash-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 14-15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. 9720, OPPOSITION. Dimtse Radio Erena ñ Kostinbrod, BULGARIA, 1711, 1/12/18, in Tigrinya. End of a Horn of Africa song, male announcer briefly into longer woman announcer, ID by Male announcer into woman and man alternating. Poorñfair (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, Airspy HF+, SDRPlay RSP1; Eton E1, ICOM R75, Tecsun PL 880, and various other portables; 42 meters dipole, 100í long wire, W6LVP loop, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 14 via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

9720, CLANDESTINE, Radio Erena ñ Sofia, 1756-1800* Jan 8, man announcer with talk in the Arabic language followed by station ID and apparent closing announcements. Instrumental music until carrier terminated. Poor to fair (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing, PA 19610, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, ibid.)

Inadvertently omitted credit to him about this on WOR 1913. Erena scheduled 17-18 via B`lgaria now, 1700 Tigrinya, 1730 Arabic, ex-11965 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. Weak/fair signal of Radio Ethiopia on Jan 13:
0700-0800 on 7234.7 GDR 100 kW / non-dir to EaAf Somali
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/weakfair-signal-of-radio-ethiopia-on.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Reception of Radio Xoriyo Ogaden via MBR Issoudun on Jan 9
1600-1630 11970 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Tue/Sat, very poor Transmission is jammed by Ethiopia with strong white noise digital jamming
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-xoriyo-ogaden-via_10.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 9-10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. SCIENTISTS HAVE SAVED THE WORLD'S ONLY RADIO, BROADCASTING IN LATIN

Thanks to the Belgian professor of classical philology, the only radio in the world that has been broadcasting its programs in Latin - Nuntii Latini - has been preserved for over 30 years.

This is reported by RMF.FM with reference to The Washington Post. Nuntii Latini is a branch of Finnish public radio, which wanted to close a unique radio station, because of its "unprofitability".

Since 1989, Nuntii Latini has broadcast important information in classical Latin, similar to the language used by the ancient Romans. On the Internet radio page, Latin news is duplicated in modern languages, for example, English or German.

Radio is also unusual because it unites fans of classical culture and Latin - 10,000 people around the world who live on almost all continents. They began to send letters and petitions to avoid closing the Nuntii Latini. One of the listeners wrote that thanks to the radio he began to teach Latin to his children.

Two Belgian professors - Christian Laus of Antwerp University and Dirk Sacre of the University of Leuven also expressed their support for the radio. They published an open letter in the Finnish press calling for the support of radio, which was signed by 3,000 people.

Belgian professors stressed that they often worked with their students

on the texts of radio Nuntia Latini. Thanks to the action, organized by scientists, the radio received funding from the Finnish public broadcaster for the next year. zik.ua
http://onair.ru/main/enews/view_msg/NMID__68021/
(via Rus-DX Jan 14, published early Jan 10, via DXLD)

** FRANCE [non]. USA, 9265, Atlantic 2000 International via WINB, Red Lion, *2100-2115, 14-01, tuning music, ID in English "You are listening to Atlantic 2000 International", ID in various languages, French, ID, pop songs, comments. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See USA for more

** GERMANY. Answer from Shortwaveradio from Germany.

Vasiliy, thanks for your report on the admission and for the selection of our test gearbox [sic]. We regret the delay in sending the cards. However, our main task is to create a translation site and include two senders. We have a good reason, which is still in the test transmission mode regarding the sender of automation and audio control. shortwaveradio.de hopes to achieve the best signal-to-sound ratio for the listener's pleasure.

///////// ((((We are primarily here for broadcasting, not to be a QSL factory.)))))))))))))))))))) [sic: does that mean emphasis added?? gh]

QSLs will be sent in the following weeks: the first report, the first QSL! In any case, due to the fact that you have suffered in recent months. We appreciated each report here and were particularly pleased at the comments of our sound quality. It seems that we are on the right track. Continue to listen to 3975 and 6160 kHz (Vasily Lazarev, Samarskaya oblast, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx", QSL World, Rus-DX Jan 14, published early Jan 10, via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Reception of SuperClan Radio via Channel 292 on Jan 13:
0700-0800 on 6070 ROB 025 kW / non-dir to CeEu English Sat, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-superclan-radio-via.html

Radio Waves International via Channel 292 on Jan 13:
0800-0900 on 6070 ROB 025 kW / non-dir to CeEu English Sat, very good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-waves-international_13.html

From the Isle of Music via Channel 292 on Jan 13:
1200-1300 on 6070 ROB 025 kW / non-dir to CeEu Eng/Spa Sat, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-from-isle-of-music-via.html

Reception of IBC Radio via Channel 292 on Jan 13:
1300-1400 on 6070 ROB 025 kW / non-dir to CeEu Italian Sat, good

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-ibc-radio-via-channel-292.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. NDR eQSL received for the XMas Eve 2017 broadcasts in 12 days from Michael Puetz of Media Broadcast.

Most of the broadcast was in German. However, there were some brief English sentences. In addition, even sung in German, some of the Christmas songs were recognized. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Jan 12, dxldyg via DXLD) How many sites and countries concerning this eQSL?

** GERMANY [and non]. Reception of DWD Deutscher Wetterdienst Jan 14
1200-1230 on 5905*PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu German, weak
1200-1230 on 6180#PIN 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu German, fair
* co-ch weak 5905 KAS 100 kW / non-dir to CeAs Russian CRI
# co-ch fair 6180 LIN 100 kW / 286 deg to EaAs Kazakh CNR-17
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-dwd-deutscher-wetterdienst_14.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GOA. 11828.3v, INDIA, AIR Panaji. Already on at 1326 with what sounded like northern India music. Deadair 1329, M announcer (too weak to copy), then into subcontinental music. Drifting up faster than usual today, about 100 Hz per minute crossing RFE/RL on 11830 at 1336. Was a faulty transmitter of 11620 but has since been fixed; 2 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** GREECE. Reception of Voice of Greece on 9420 kHz on Jan.9
0605-0803 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek*tx#3
NO SIGNAL on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek tx#1
* nx in Arabic/Serbian at 0750-0800UT & off air at 0803UT!
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-voice-of-greece-on-9420.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 8-9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GR…CIA, 9420. Jan 13, 2018. 0226-0248, Voz da GrÈcia, Avlis-GRC, em Grego. Locutor apresenta um programa musical com canÁıes gragas tradicionais. VOG retorna sua programaÁ„o, apÛs trÍs dias ausente em minha ·rea, com sinal e modulaÁ„o satisfatÛrios, 35433. (DXer: Jose Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brasil, Sony 7600GR & Tecsun S-2000, Antena: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Reception of Voice of Greece on 9420 & 9935 kHz, Jan 13
0545&0745 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek tx#3, good

0545&0745 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek tx#1, fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-voice-of-greece-on-9420_13.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1052 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Jan. 14, 2018 via DXLD)

** GREECE. Voice of Greece This Afternoon --- Putting in a good signal on 9420 kHz this afternoon (13 January) into NB. Nice Greek music, songs with bouzouki, etc. Parallel to 9935 kHz! So, this frequency is back but a weaker signal here in NB compared to 9420 kHz.

By the way, I had used the term "fake news" in reference to someone reporting that 9420 kHz had been off the air for weeks. Glenn rightly chastised me for that. Mea culpa. Wikipedia defines "fake news" as "... a type of yellow journalism or propaganda that consists of deliberate misinformation or hoaxes spread via traditional print and broadcast news media or online social media."

I'm sure the DXer/SWL who reported that VoG had been off the air for weeks was not intentionally spreading false information. But we should all be careful about jumping to conclusions and making blanket statements when we have not done a thorough analysis. Professor's hat now off. ;-) (-- Richard Langley 2038 UT Jan 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of Voice of Greece only on 9935 kHz on Jan 14
0910-0940 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek tx#1 & off
NO SIGNAL on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek tx#3
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-voice-of-greece-only-on.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #1052 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Jan. 14, 2018 via DXLD)

** GUAM. DRM Test by KTWR, Guam
Date : 17-19 January, 2018
Freq : 17530 kHz
Time : 0815-0845 UT
Power : 90 kW
Target : India
Audio : Mono
Lang : English
Data : None, other than ID and contact info --- Regards, (via Alokesh Gupta, Jan 16, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, R Verdad at 0420. Interesting mix of music including Guatemalan marimba. Good ID by M, more Guatemalan music until after the half, when they reverted to the oft heard church organ music. Steady signal with RS SW-2000629 on picnic table and shortwire ant out to backyard grapefruit tree. Good-Jan. 9. Listening from

middle Arizona. 73 and Good Listening.....! -rb (Rick Barton, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, Jan 13 at 0629, R. Verdad still on with hymn solo in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. The beatification of Rev. Stanley Rother, martyred ex-manager of La Voz de Atitl·n, 2390 kHz, continues to get big press coverage in his native Oklahoma, even the Enid News & Eagle ---- altho Catholix are quite a minority here, we can only conclude they dominate newspaper editorial decisions, and/or Okies have stars in their eyes at the prospect of one of their own possibly being declared an RCC saint. The main RC church in Enid, St Francis X, has had this sign on the street for several weeks:

http://www.w4uvh.net/Rothersign.jpg

So even if you are in heaven, you still have to pray, rather than engage in more direct influence upon a deity?? ``Pray for us`` --- about what? Could they be a little more specific?

OETA has a half-hour docu on Rother which they have been running over and over; maybe also available via website?

``Back In Time --- Oklahoma Martyr #703
Thursday, January 18, 07:30 pm on OETA-HD
Duration: 0:28:47
View Addiitonal Airings [CST = UT -6]
01/20/18, 4:30 am OETA OKLA
01/20/18, 9:30 pm OETA OKLA
01/28/18, 11:30 am OETA-HD

Description: In the 1950's, no one would have guessed that a farm boy from Okarche might someday be named a Catholic Saint. Stanley Rother entered the priesthood and found his life's calling at a mission in Guatemala`` (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA-BISSAU. The government broadcaster in the tiny West African republic of Guinea-Bissau can now be heard live online from its new website at [ignoring any G-B domain of its own?? gh]
http://www.rdngbissau.com
Radiodifusao Nacional [RDN] broadcasts 0555-2400 UT daily in Portuguese, Crioulo and local languages, according to the detailed programme guides available on the site.

Nowadays RDN only transmits terrestrially on FM, though it used to broadcast on 5475 kHz shortwave (last WRTH entry in 1987 edition) and 1034 kHz mediumwave (last WRTH entry in 2001 edition). I couldn't hear

the latter from neighbouring Senegal when I visited that country in early 1999; however there was a civil war underway in G-B at the time! The only Guinea-Bissau station I could hear from Dakar - fleetingly on FM - was Voz da Militar Junta [sic}, which I now know was using the facilities of private station Radio Bombolom (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Jan 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII [and non]. USA (Hawaii) - In a recent DX Listening Digest, Dr Adrian Peterson reported on the VoA relay station Honolulu. Knowledgeable as always. He suspects that the transmitters were scrapped, but this is seemingly not the case. According to the magazine "Rundfunk und Fernsehen" (radio and television) of the Hand-Bredow-Institut Hamburg (1972, p. 518), the transmitters were sold in 1972 to be used in the Philippines by the protestant Far East Broadcasting Company. http://www.swcountry.be/phl.html indeed lists a 100 kW Gates transmitter for FEBC Manila signing on in 1976. Maybe someone can look through Sweden Calling DXers or any other publication of those years to find that information. My own collection of SCDX only dates back to 1977 when I joined the short wave listening community (Dr Hansjoerg Biener, 14 January 2018, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. Speaking of studio-transmitter links: Jim Thomas forwarded a copy of the decision licensing a new station in Honduras. The station plans to use a rather out-of-the-way link. Programming will be sent by optical fiber to a satellite uplink -- in Miami -- from where it will be uplinked for reception at the four transmitters. (including the one a few miles away in Tegucigalpa) (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, http://www.w9wi.com Jan 14, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Shillong, at 1542, Jan 13, sports item in English about today's South Africa vs India cricket match (see Jeypore); news headlines - helicopter crash off Mumbai coast, etc.

5040, AIR Jeypore, 1431-1450, Jan 13. Live coverage from South Africa of the India vs RSA cricket match; in English & Hindi; AIR promo to contact them via email at cricket @ allindiaradio.com; "South Africa 5 wickets down," etc. Thanks very much to Dave Valko for the early alert that this was on! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Jan 14 - The second day of live commentary and coverage of the India vs RSA cricket match being held in South Africa; again on 5040 (AIR Jeypore); 1421-1437, in English & Hindi.

As it's Sunday, AIR Shillong (4970) carried their usual "Country Roads" C&W music show; "I Love A Rainy Night" by Eddie Rabbitt,

"Always On My Mind" by Willie Nelson, etc.; mostly fair at 1245 (Ron Howard, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5040, AIR Jeypore, 1126, Jan 15. Third day of live coverage from South Africa of the India vs RSA cricket match; in English & Hindi; asking listeners to contact them at cricket @ allindiaradio.?; later back to regular programming (subcontinent music/singing), as rain interrupted the South Africa match (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. RE: ``7505.47 kHz, off frequency AIR, via New Delhi Kingsway, at 0216 UT on Jan 5. Nice subcontinent music; my local sunset was at 0105 UT, while Delhi sunrise was at 0145 UT. Of course this reception possible with the absence of WRNO (USA). Last Jan also noted AIR here, but was on 7505.0 kHz and again with WRNO silent back then (Ron Howard-CA-USA, DXplorer via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 5)``

Log in Delhi India, Jan 10: 7505.535, measured at 0118 UT on Jan 10, direct in Delhi remote SDR unit. Kingsway signal, 5 x 100 Hertz apart distance peaks either side. S=9+20dB strength, carrier already on air, no modulation. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10 via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

7380.054, rather lower S=7 signal - very low modulation tonight - in Sindhi from Kingsway site? at 0140 UT [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10 via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

7555.596, AIR in Tibetan, Nepali odd fq, carrier 1208 UT Jan 10, test tone S=9+25dB opened at 1209 UT. 12.13:10 UT AIR Interval Signal.

11560, AIR Bangalore in Russian, 1600-1715 UT, 500kW 325 degr (ex 15140 kHz to free Oman co-channel activity, and due winter season sunspots). 73 wb df5sx Jan 9.

[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (wb df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 9 / 10) (BCDX 16 Jan via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR Special programs today
   Sat Dec 30, 2017 9:44 pm (PST)

AIR special frequencies noted now from 0525 UT Sunday 31 Dec 2017 with Mann Ki Baat program by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi on 7520 9380 9865 9940 11730 and on all other AIR stations on MW SW FM till 0600 UT. Please see:
http://www.narendramodi.in/mann-ki-baat

Most stations of AIR will have special programs on MW/SW/FM to usher in the new year tonight. Hence they will have extended broadcasts till past 1830 UT (0000 hrs IST). The following SW channels are of interest

4760 Port Blair
4800 Hyderabad
4835 Gangtok
4870 Shillong
4920 Chennai
4950 Srinagar
5010 Trivandrum
5050 Jeypore
also
9380 Aligarh (National Channel)

Happy New Year to all DX India members, readers & SWLs! Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob & Alokesh Gupta, dx_india yg via DXLD)

It seems the dx_india yg digest waits two weeks for info to accumulate before dispatching, this one not out until Jan 14 (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR Chennai SW Tx trouble: For the last few days severe hum was noted on AIR Chennai SW channels 4920, 7380 (50 kW). Now the hum has intensified that no audio is heard at all. Sked:
4920: 0015-0245 1200-1739
7380: 0300-0930 (Sun 1130)
Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India Mobile: +91 94416 96043,
http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos
(Jose Jacob, Jan 6, VU2JOS, dx_india yg digest Jan 14 via DXLD)

Re: AIR Chennai; Mon Jan 8, 2018 8:15 pm (PST)
AIR Chennai is heard with normal signals on 4920 & 7380 during the last few days (after it was affected by sever hum). Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, dx_india yg digest Jan 14 via DXLD)

** INDIA. HFCC Jan 6: 11560, AIR Bangalore in Russian, 1600-1715 UT, 500kW 325 kW (ex 15140 kHz to free Oman co-channel activity, and due winterseason sunspots). 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. On Sunday, January 14, 2018, 12:41:46 PM GMT+5:30, Arun Kumar Narasimhan wrote:

``Dear Sir, Is there any mobile app for iPhone to check schedules of SW radio stations. Request help from group members.óóóó N. Arun Kumar, Sent from my iPhone``

Please see Download DXInida app in left side top,
http://www.qsl.net//vu2jos
AIR Schedules available. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, ibid.)

Sir, Is it available for iPhone, as I see only the android version in website. Thanks and Regards (N. Arun Kumar, Sent from my iPhone, ibid.)

** INDONESIA. Indonesian pirates on 7 MHz
Southgate January 9, 2018
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2018/january/indonesian-pirates-on-7-mhz.htm

The new IARU Region 1 Monitoring System free newsletter reports many Indonesian pirates were heard on December 30 in 7000-7040 kHz USB/LSB

They were active in 5 kHz increments, laughing, singing and talking. The signals were rather strong in Europe.

The International Amateur Radio Union Monitoring System (IARUMS) Region 1 December 2017 newsletter can be read at
http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/news2017/news1712.pdf

Reports of Amateur Band intruders can be logged on the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System Logger at
http://peditio.net/intruder/bluechat.cgi

Monitor the short wave bands on-line with a web based SDR receiver at
http://www.websdr.org/

IARU Monitoring System (IARUMS)
http://www.iarums-r1.org/
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Just like what we hear, not lately, in the 11.4-11.5 MHz strip (gh)

** INDONESIA. Hi Glenn, Following info posted to WRTH Facebook page on Jan 10. Ron

Shaikh Jawahar, Indonesia:
VOI has been suffering transmitter problem on its 9525 KHz
[last heard on 9525.95 kHz. - Ron] according to Sri Unun of VOI.

Mauno Ritola: Is it over now?

Ron Howard: Mauno - No, continues silent through 1304 UTC, Jan 10.

Mauno Ritola: Thanks, Ron. Shaikh, please ask Sri Unun, if there is

any hope, that they will return.

Ron Howard: Believe VOI has been off the air since about mid-December?

Mauno Ritola: Yes, I think so, too.

Posted by: (Ron Howard, Jan 11, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

[and non-log]. 3325, Pro 1 RRI Palangkaraya, 1539, Jan 13. Another day with this being the only active SW Indonesian station.

9525.95, VOI, on Jan 13, still off the air; no carrier at all; at 1539 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.95, VOI, on Jan 14, still off the air; no carrier at all at 1324. Jan 15, no carrier at 1138, 1307 & 1359 checking.
So 3325 (Pro 1 RRI Palangkaraya) remains the only active SW Indonesian station (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET & VACUUM. World Radio Network has a new web site. The former wrn.org now redirects to
http://babcock.media/world-radio-network/
Schedules for the various streams can now be found at
http://babcock.media/world-radio-network/networks/

Here is the English for North America schedule for B17.

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 UT    EST     PST   (Days are UT days, not always same as local)
00:00 7:00PM  4:00PM NHK World Radio Japan
00:30 7:30PM  4:30PM Israel Radio
01:00 8:00PM  5:00PM Radio Prague
01:30 8:30PM  5:30PM Radio Slovakia
02:00 9:00PM  6:00PM RNZealand International: Korero Pacifica
                     (Tue-Sat)
                     R N Zealand International: Dateline Pacific (Sun)
                     Radio Guangdong: Guangdong Today (Mon)
02:15 9:15PM  6:15PM Vatican Radio World News (Tue - Sat)
02:30 9:30PM  6:30PM NHK World Radio Japan (Tue-Sat)
                     PCJ Asia Focus (Sun)
                     Glenn Hauser`s World of Radio (Mon) *********
03:00 10:00PM 7:00PM KBS World Radio from Seoul, Korea
04:00 11:00PM 8:00PM Polish Radio
05:00 12:00AM 9:00PM Israel Radio ,??  News at 8
06:00 1:00AM  10:00PM Radio France International
07:00 2:00AM  11:00PM Deutsche Welle from Germany
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08:00 3:00AM  12:00AM Polish Radio
09:00 4:00AM  1:00AM Vatican Radio World News (Tue-Sat),
                     Weekly Review (Sun and Mon)
09:15 4:15AM  1:15AM R NZ International: Korero Pacifica (Tue-Sat)
09:30 4:30AM  1:30AM Radio Prague
10:00 5:00AM  2:00AM Radio France International
11:00 6:00AM  3:00AM Deutsche Welle from Germany
12:00 7:00AM  4:00AM NHK World Radio Japan
12:30 7:30AM  4:30AM Radio Slovakia International
13:00 8:00AM  5:00AM KBS World Radio from Seoul, Korea
14:00 9:00AM  6:00AM Radio Telefis Eireann from Ireland (Tue-Sat)
                     This Way Out (Sun)
                     PCJ -  Media Network (Mon)
14:30 9:30AM  6:30AM Radio Prague
15:00 10:00AM 7:00AM NHK World Radio Japan (Mon-Fri)
                     RNZealand International: Dateline Pacific (Sat)
                     Radio Guangdong: Guangdong Today (Sat [Sun??])
15:30 10:30AM 7:30AM Radio Prague
16:00 11:00AM 8:00AM Radio France International
17:00 12:00PM 9:00AM RNZealand International: Korero Pacifica (M-F)
                     Glenn Hauser`s World of Radio (Sat) *********
                     PCJ -  Media Network Plus (Sun)
17:15 12:15PM 9:15AM Vatican Radio World News live (Mon-Fri)
17:30 12:30PM 9:30AM Radio Prague (Mon-Fri)
                     Radio Guangdong : Guangdong Today (Sat)
                     Copenhagen Calling from Banns Rinternational(Sun)
18:00 1:00PM 10:00AM Israel Radio live news at 8
19:00 2:00PM 11:00AM Polish Radio
20:00 3:00PM 12:00PM Radio Slovakia International
20:30 3:30PM 12:30PM Radio Telefis Eireann from Ireland (Mon-Fri)
                     Copenhagen Calling from Banns RInternational(Sat)
                     This Way Out (Sun)
21:00 4:00PM  1:00PM KBS World Radio from Seoul, Korea
22:00 5:00PM  2:00PM Deutsche Welle from Germany
23:00 6:00PM  3:00PM Polish Radio
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(via Mike Cooper, GA, Jan 13, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. PicSat to launch Friday

The PicSat 3U CubeSat
https://twitter.com/IamPicSat
carrying an amateur radio 145/435 MHz FM transponder is planned to launch into Earth orbit on January 12, 2018.

Anybody who owns a minimum radio receiving equipment can listen to and receive PicSatís transmissions on 435.525 MHz. The PicSat team invites radio amateurs from all over the world to collaborate in following the

satellite, receiving its data and relaying them to the PicSat data base via the Internet. Those interested can register on the PicSat website to follow the updates and, if they so wish, become part of the radio network, see http://PicSat.obspm.fr/
Watch the launch at http://webcast.gov.in/live/
Full details here:
https://amsat-uk.org/2018/01/10/picsat/
Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Launch success:
https://amsat-uk.org/2018/01/13/ham-radio-cubesat-launch-success/
(Jan 13 via gh, ibid.)

Three CubeSats carrying amateur radio payloads were successfully launched on January 12 at 0358 UT on an Indian ISRO PSLV rocket. In total 31 satellites were deployed on this launch

Two of the CubeSats, Fox-1D and PicSat, carry amateur radio FM transponders while CNUSail-1 has a telemetry downlink on 437.100 MHz.

CNUSail-1 was built by students at the Chungnam National University in Korea. The students have requested the help of radio amateurs in receiving the beacon, further information is available at https://sites.google.com/view/cnuusg

Shankar A65CR/VU2SWG reported coping the Fox-1D satellite voice beacon on the morning pass at 30 deg elevation in Dubai using a TH-F7 with standard rubber duck. YL voice with satellite identifier. Very short burst with fluctuating carrier.

Madhu A65DE also copied Fox-1D from Fujairah, North of Dubai.

AMSAT North America has issued a statement formally designating Fox-1D as AO-92:

Fox-1D, a 1U CubeSat, is the third of AMSATís five Fox-1 CubeSats to reach orbit, being preceded by AO-85 (Fox-1A) and AO-91 (RadFxSat / Fox-1B). Fox-1D carries the Fox-1 U/v FM transponder, with an uplink of 435.350 MHz (67.0 Hz CTCSS) and a downlink of 145.880 MHz. In addition, Fox-1D carries several university experiments, including a MEMS gyro from Pennsylvania State University ñ Erie, a camera from Virginia Tech, and the University of Iowaís HERCI (High Energy Radiation CubeSat Instrument) radiation mapping experiment. Fox-1D also carries the AMSAT L-Band Downshifter experiment which enables the FM transponder to be switched to utilize an uplink of 1267.350 MHz (67.0 Hz CTCSS).

Fox-1D was sent aloft as a secondary payload on the Indian Space

Research Organisation (ISRO)ís PSLV-XL rocket as part of the PSLV-C40 mission. Fox-1D was one of thirty-one satellites successfully deployed on this launch.

Since Fox-1D has met all of the qualifications necessary to receive an OSCAR number, I, by the authority vested in me by the AMSAT President, do hereby confer on this satellite the designation AMSAT-OSCAR 92 or AO-92. I join amateur radio operators in the U.S. and around the world in wishing AO-92 a long and successful life in both its amateur and scientific missions.

I, along with the rest of the amateur community, congratulate all of the volunteers who worked so diligently to construct, test and prepare for launch the newest amateur radio satellite.

William A. (Bill) Tynan, W3XO
AMSAT-NA OSCAR Number Administrator

Further information on the Fox-1D launch, deployment and designation:
https://www.amsat.org/fox-1d-launched-designated-amsat-oscar-92/
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** IRAN. 5920, VOIRI, (Tent.) at 1425, prayer chanting for a few minutes, then a woman in an identified language. Tentatively calling this Iran, as no one else listed for this frequency at this time seems to fit. Jan. 9, Unless noted otherwise, equipment was Satellit 750 and outdoor Slinky, RS SW-2000629 and various outdoor wires. Listening from middle Arizona. 73 and Good Listening.....! -rb (Rick Barton, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, but since Jan 12, V. of Freedom clandestine from South to North Korea is back here per Ron & Aoki (gh)

** IRAN. VOA NEWS --- One Difference Between 2009 vs 2018 Iran Protests? 48 Million Smartphones --- Michelle Quinn 3 January 2018

SAN FRANCISCO - In 2009, the world watched as Iranians marching in the streets turned to social media sites like Twitter and Facebook to organize and share information.

The technology-assisted protests were dubbed the first "Twitter revolution." Flash forward to 2018 and technology again is playing a role in demonstrations sweeping cities across Iran.

But much has changed in the intervening years when it comes to the communication tools used by Iranian citizens for organizing and publicizing protests. Here are some of the main changes:

https://www.voanews.com/a/difference-between-2009-and-2018-iran-protests-is-48-million-smartphones-/4190712.html

(SW Radiogram via roger, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ITALY [non]. 5950, USA, IBC (via WRMI), 0131 M announcer in accented English with mention of upcoming features, mention of www.dxfanzine.com, DX program of MW and SW loggings 0133-0142, IBC singing jingle, Spanish ID by M, then 425 DX News segment past 0148. Good signal with some QSB, 13 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** KASHMIR. I am really pleased with the presumed logging of AIR Srinagar. It certainly made my Sunday. 4950, AIR (Srinagar) presumed the one at 1156 with subcontinental vocals ñ Barely audible Jan 14 ñ I was quite happy to log this one as I had not heard Kashmir in a long time. While part of present day India this is a separate radio country according to the NASWA list (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** KASHMIR. AIR on 4761 kHz --- Thu Jan 11, 2018 6:05 pm (PST)
Today Jan 12, 2018 while checking at 0130, noted AIR on 4761 strong signal with hum, airing indraprastha channel Hindi programs. I presume it`s from AIR, Leh (C K Raman, dx_india yg via DXLD)

at 1416 UT noted on remote New Delhi SDR: rather AIR Pt. Blair, on 4759.999 kHz, 1415z. Nothing on 4761 kHz. 73 wb df5sx wwdxc germany (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 14, ibid.)

** KIRITIMATI. 846, Jan 11 at 0655, JBA carrier detectable from R. Kiribati.

846, Jan 12 at 0648, JBA but steady carrier from presumed R. Kiribati
846, Jan 14 at 0644 check, JBA carrier from R. Kiribati
846, Jan 16 at 0729, JBA carrier from R. Kiribati
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850, KCBS Pyongyang. Fair signal at 1058 with end of the usual opera-like music. Filler music to 1100, then M in Korean, continuous music, and more talk. Voice audio muffled. More opera-like music at 1315. Was still able to get audio on this with M announcer in Korean at 1330. Almost an hour after sunrise 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 3250.00, Pyongyang Broadcasting Station, Pyongyang, 2205-2235, 7.1. (NOT VOICE OF KOREA in Japanese, as scheduled!) Korean talk, songs by choir, 2230 timesignal, news. 25232 // 3320 (34333

CWQRM) and 6400 (35343). (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 14 via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. On Jan 14, at 1148, noted no jamming at all on 3910, 3930, 3985, 5995, 6015, 6135, etc. Again on Jan 15, at 1252, all N. Korea jamming off the air on same frequencies. A daily event? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 15179.998, Voice of Korea from Kujang, maybe parked here already 0321, 1000 Hertz test tone heard from 0322 UT, S=6-7 in Brisbane. From 0330 UT VoK Spanish service scheduled, 28degrees azimuth via Alaska, NW Canada, midwest US, to Cuba.

15105.005, VoK Kujang, TX already early on air, warm-up, S=7 at 0326 UT modulation transmit some station JAMMING SCRATCHING audio. From 0330 UT VoK Chinese service scheduled. Log of Jan 14, 0230-0330 UT, remote access to Brisbane, Queensland unit [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 14 via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. [Re 18-02:] SHIOKAZE WITH SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Hi Glenn, Jan 11 (Thursday) - Shiokaze (6085), at 1334, with a repeat of my Jan 7 reception. Annually they hold a end-of-the-year international symposium in Tokyo, regarding abduction issues. At that time, both Shiokaze and Furusato no Kaze sponsor a musical concert, which this year was held on Dec 16. Today was that concert and announcers all in Japanese.

With the annual symposium, Shiokaze's schedule is in a state of flux, due to these special re-broadcasts. Probably later in the month things will get back to normal again, with English on Thursdays (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6085, JAPAN, Shiokaze Sea Breeze. Signal on at 1259, then usual soft piano music and opening announcement by M, but it sounded like Japanese. When heard in the past on Thursdays, they signed on with W announcer in English. Poor signal. Tnx Ron Howard, says this was a repeat of the special 7 Jan. joint broadcast between Shiokaze and Furusato no Kaze in Japanese. 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

JAPAN, JSR Shiokaze Sea Breeze anomaly, again not in English on Thu, Jan 11
1300-1300 6085*YAM 300 kW / 280 deg NEAs Japanese, instead of English

1330-1400 6085*YAM 300 kW / 280 deg NEAs Korean, instead of English
* co-same 6085 KLL 001 kW / 120&300 CeEu English Radio MiAmigo Int.
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/jsr-shiokaze-sea-breeze-anomaly-again.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 11-12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6085, JAPAN, Shiokaze (Sea Breeze) at 1345. Long monologue with M, then W, jailbreak alarm sound. (Listed by my ref as Korean, but sounded much more like Japanese). Somewhat muddy audio. (A recent post by Ron Howard explains that their language schedules will be topsy turvy temporarily). Jan. 13, Unless noted otherwise, equipment was Satellit 750 and outdoor Slinky, RS SW-2000629 and various outdoor wires. Listening from middle Arizona. 73 and Good Listening.....! -rb
(Rick Barton, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH/SOUTH. 6250, on Jan 15, at 1257, with a rare event; instead of the normal heavy jamming from N. Korea, was able to hear two stations mixing together with no jamming; from the south with the much weaker Echo of Hope - Voice of Hope (10 kW) and from the north with Echo of Unification (100 kW); 1259 clear "V O H" ID underneath EOU. Usually the jamming is so strong here it's impossible to tell what is going on. My audio at
http://goo.gl/sQQwKu
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 5840, MARIANA ISLANDS, VoA (via Tinian) at 1420. Somebody's rendition of "Love Potion Number 9", then Tucson's native girl Linda Ronstadt. Went to (sounded like) VoA editorial segment just before the ToH. All over a high-pitched jammer, typical of those used by the DPRK censors. Good Jan. 13. Unless noted otherwise, equipment was Satellit 750 and outdoor Slinky, RS SW-2000629 and various outdoor wires. Listening from middle Arizona. 73 and Good Listening.....! -rb (Rick Barton, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 7530, CLANDESTINE (TAJIKISTAN). National Unity R. (via Dushanbe) OC already on at 1156. Fanfare and W with apparent opening announcements in Korean at 1200, and continuous fanfare music. 1201 music and announcement by W, then alternating talk by same W and M. Fair signal. Still readable at 1310 but not quite as strong 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Reception of BRB Living Water Ministry Broadcasting, Jan 9

1500-1600 7280 PUG 250 kW / 000 deg to NEAs Korean Tue-Thu, good/fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-brb-living-water-ministry.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 9-10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Radio Free North Korea via BaBcoCk Tashkent on Jan 12:
1200-1300 on 9345 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, good signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-free-north-korea-via.html

National Unity Radio UBS via BaBcoCk Dushanbe on Jan 12:
1200-1500 on 7530 DB 100 kW / 071 deg to NEAs Korean, weak to fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-national-unity-radio-ubs.html

North Korea Reform Radio via BaBcoCk Tashkent on Jan 12
1430-1530 on 7590 TAC 100 kW / 076 deg to NEAs Korean, good signal
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-north-korea-reform-radio.html

UNIDentified station, probably clandestine, was noted on Jan 12:
1200-1259 on 9565 unknown kW / unknown to NEAs Korean, weak/fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/unidentified-station-probably-korean.html

Voice of Wilderness via BaBcoCk Tashkent on Jan 12:
1330-1530 on 7625 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg to NEAs Korean, fair/good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-voice-of-wilderness-via.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 11-12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7625, UZBEKISTAN, Voice of the Wilderness. Easy music on a wind instrument and Korean talk by W over the music at 1357 continuing to 1401 tune-out. 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. 6045, CLANDESTINE (SOUTH KOREA), Voice of Freedom. Came here at 1402 and found CNR1 off and this in the clear with a Korean version of the Kenny Rogers song ìCoward of the Countyî 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Back to former 5920, Voice of Freedom, at 1248, on Jan 12. Sounded like a long version of VOF's station jingle? Good signal, with N. Korean jamming still up on ex: 6045. My audio at

http://goo.gl/TyMCr9
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 4885, CLANDESTINE (SOUTH KOREA), Echo of Hope. Still barely getting just a bit of audio with talk by W at 1405. The last thing audible on the band, 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Echo of Hope - Voice of Hope (VOH). Thanks very much to Hiroyuki Komatsubara, who recently noted that VOH has dropped their third program ("Hope plaza of my brothers" or "Hope Plaza of my brothers who have been defeated"), which had been exclusively on 6350.

Heard Jan 14, at 1131:

4885 - "Radio Broadcasting Guide" (not // to the other frequencies). This one hour program is repeated every hour. Never jammed.

3985 // 5995 // 6250 // 6350 // 9100 - The main VOH program; all jammed except for 9100 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. Bad winter frequency selection, KBS World Radio, Jan 9
1355-1400 on 9630 KIM 250 kW / 264 deg to SoAs KBS WR Interval Signal
1400-1700 on 9630 KIM 250 kW / 264 deg to SoAs English and with co-ch

same time on 9630 LIN 100 kW / 298 deg to EaAs Kazakh CNR-17, strong:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/bad-frequency-selection-of-kbs-world.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 8-9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT vs. JAPAN. MOI R. Kuwait GS vs. R. Japan NHK World on Jan 9:
1059-1326 9749.8 KBD 250 kW / 286 deg NEAf Arabic R.Kuwait GS & co-ch
same time 9750.0 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Japanese R.Japan NHK World
From 1300 9745.0 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg SoAs QRM Trans World Radio India
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/moi-radio-kuwait-gs-vs-radio-japan-nhk.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 8-9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9749.81, R. Kuwait, Arabic pop-like music with M vocal 1324. Suddenly went off about 1326 and didnít return. Good signal 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. 15110, Radio Kuwait at 1232 in DRM mode in listed Arabic taking up 12 to 14 kHz of bandwidth Jan 13 ñ Whoís listening to these turkeys on DRM? I doubt Radio Kuwait is using DRM as point-to-point relay to feed FM transmitters like Radio New Zealand International does (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** KYRGYZSTAN. Radio Kyrkygistan Birinich 1 was logged on 4010 from 0100 UT during November 2017. A reception report with the audiofiles were emailed to montecristoyanni@gmail.com I never thought that I would get reply. But to my surprise, I received this e QSL letter from Cholpon Temirbekhova, the International Relations Officer, Kyrkygistan radio (Shaikh Jawahar, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia / https://www.facebook.com/groups/1080049528677701/ QSL World, Rus-DX Jan 14, published early Jan 10, via DXLD)

** LIBERIA. 6049.98, ELWA, 2150 local religious talk/phone-in program in English. 2200 M with simply short ìThis is ELWAî ID, then into next English religious program from World Christian ??, and blasted by 6040 WHRI slop QRM. 2230 live M announcer with another ID ìYouíre listening to ELWAÖtransmissionÖnightÖî, instrumental NA, and off at 2232:07. Getting QRM from HCJB as well by s/off. 13 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. MADAG¡SCAR, 5009.9, R. TV Madagasikara, Ambohidrano, 1901-1910, 04/1, texto, m˙sica; 25331. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 17640, Jan 12 at 1800, MWV opening `African Pathways Radio`, first by African-accented host, then joined by American-accented (and I bet he`s white), co-host. VG S9+10/20, the SSOB way above VOA S7-S9 on 17655, which is Greenville in Portuguese. Only other trace of signal is JBA carrier on 17775 --- can that really be KVOH?

APR opens with the shortest Ladysmith song from a new album, before getting down to conversion business. Altho the programming is off-putting, slick and contrarian, I continue to be impressed by how well Mahajanga gets into deep North America, far better than anything else on this band, despite being about as far away as possible toward the antipodes further in the Indian Ocean. It must be satisfying at WCB HQ in Franklin TN to be able to hear their own output, if they try to there, also no doubt far better than they could hear KNLS (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 15420, Jan 12 at 1806, averaging S9, the SSOB on 19m is also from Madagascar, like MWV on 16m, but from the other site; unID

African talk with strumming, mentions Rwanda? Can it be R. Itahuka? But this is Friday, not Saturday-only for it. Aoki does show a Friday-only transmission at 1800-1830 on exactly same parameters, 250 kW, 320 degrees from Talata-Volonondry 1 at 1800-1830, but it`s from Bible Voice, language field blank. EiBi shows it as Kirundi, so looks like BVB is trying to ride the coattails of Itahuka (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR [and non]. 13800, Jan 13 at 1528, R. Dabanga with an echo, 1529 clearer, 1530 Dabanga themesong, as sked, 250 kW, 340 degrees from Talata to Sudan. Maybe trace of a second carrier, or this one is unstable by propagation. Checking since Mark Coady, Ontario, suspected he was hearing R. Puntland, Somalia, underneath. Aoki/NDXC does list that on 13800 at 0330-0600 & 1000-1600 daily, 20 kW, ND from Garowe but x for not active. WRTH 2018 shows same hours as variable, but 10 kW, AM/USB, irregular. R. Tamazuj occupies the previous hour from 1430, same parameters via Madagascar. Barring a transmission failure from Talata, we must seek Puntland before 1430 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 5995, R. Mali, Kati, 1940-..., 06/1, texto; 43443, ·udio extremamente dÈbil.

9635 idem, 1218-1302, 07/1, francÍs, m˙sica local, ..., ID da estaÁ„o, notici·rio; 45444, ·udio dÈbil.

Por vezes, falamos aqui em "modulaÁ„o baixa", o que pode suceder, e È uma situaÁ„o em que o sinal que chega dos est˙dios È arruinado ‡ chegada ao transmissor, mas julgo que as oscilaÁıes de ·udio durante um dado espaÁo de tempo ficam mais a dever ao tratamento nos est˙dios, e se for assim, n„o h· nada que o centro emissor possa fazer. No caso da R. Mali, estou convencido de que o problema È oriundo da central tÈcnica/est˙dios, n„o do transmissor. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Lots of XE logs in NRC IDXD this time, other than mine:

540, XEHS La Mejor, Los Mochis, Sin. DEC 22 1358 - AM/FM ID by male announcer. Still uses slogan "la mejor, aquÌ nom·s." This is one of several syndicated "formats" which appear to be more of a marketing / branding service (pre-recorded ID's, standard look and feel for website, etc.) as opposed to a 24-hour feed of network programming. Soon lost to Mexican anthem presumably from XESURF. [Hall-CA1]

560, XESRD La Tremenda, Santiago Papasquiaro, Dgo. JAN 5 1202 - Appeared suddenly in the middle of instrumental (orchestral) anthem, as if they had just gone to day power. Still uses "la tremenda" slogan. [Hall-CA]

560, unID JAN 5 1200 - Mexican anthem played by brass band. At 1202:20, right after the anthem had finished, a male announcer said "Buenos dias, a____" and was immediately clobbered by XESRD. Checked the web streams of other stations to see who has the brass band version of the anthem. So far, I have heard no morning anthem on XEOC's web stream, nor on XEMZA's (and I suspect they have finished moving to FM). XEGIK runs a choral version of the anthem. That only leaves unneeded XEYO, which should run the anthem an hour later. Need to keep monitoring XEOC and XEMZA web streams. [Hall-CA]

580, XEMU Piedras Negras, Coah. JAN 3 1241 - Gal with weather, temperatures in both Celsius and Fahrenheit; then into ranchera music and "La Rancherita del Aire" slogans; ads noted later at 1254. Generally fair in WIBW null with typical fading. [Wilkins-CO]

630, unID JAN 5 1200 - High choral version of Mexican anthem. Had noted classical music a few minutes earlier, so this is almost certainly unneeded XEPBGL. Have been trying to catch parallel 1080 XEPBPV as logged at the Border Inn a year or two ago, but 1080 is a difficult channel here due to 1070 KNX IBOC and 50 kW local 1090 XEPRS slop. [Hall-CA]

660unID JAN 5 1200 - Station way under KTNN seemed to be using "Ke Buena" slogan. That's a previous slogan for XEWX, but I've been monitoring their web stream and they do not appear to still be using that slogan. XEEY is the station I would usually expect to hear under KTNN. [Hall-CA]

690, XEMA Fresnillo, Zac. DEC 29 0430 - Spanish language Mexican style music, XEMA ID, and more music. Fair at times over CKGM to very poor. Hearing WQNO here as well tonight. Parallel to Tune In stream. [Snider-ON]

700, unID JAN 5 1200 - High choral version of Mexican anthem, followed by male announcer. This is almost certainly needed XEDKR, but I couldn't pull up any useful details. [Hall-CA]

710, XEDP La Ranchera de Cuauhtemoc, Cuauhtemoc, Chih. JAN 5 1200 - Usual long version of Mexican anthem (about 4 minutes 40 seconds), timpani, and new version of recorded ID which only mentions XHDP-FM. All my recordings in 2017 had an AM/FM ID. I wonder if this could mean that the AM might be turned off sometime soon? [Hall-CA]

730, XEHB Hidalgo del Parral, Chih. JAN 2 1310 - National anthem and then norteÒo music. Frequent announcements with the FM (107.1) and AM frequencies. "Estereo Fiesta" slogan also heard. Part of Grupo Radiorama. [Vance-TX]

730, XESOS Agua Prieta, Son. JAN 2 1323 - Noted with "La Ranchera" slogan and FM (97.3) mentioned. [Vance-TX]

740, unID JAN 5 1159 - High choral version of Mexican anthem. Probably unneeded XEVAY. [Hall-CA]

750, XECSI Rom·ntica, Culiac·n, Sin. JAN 5 1159 - ID by male announcer, mentioned 1 kW, Grupo Radiorama Sinaloa. Rare here (and at the Border Inn) because KOAL and KAMA have such big signals. [Hall-CA]

770, XEACH Guadalupe, NL JAN 6 1319 - Noted with call letter ID through KABQ interference but faded soon after. [Vance-TX]

790, XENT R.FÛrmula, La Paz, BCS JAN 5 1200 - Mexican anthem (from national network feed), back to network programming. At 6 a.m. local time (1300 UTC in winter) they abruptly break from the national feed and insert another anthem. (The network feed also gives a full ID for flagship station 970 XERFR, a 50 kW station which almost no one ever logs anymore, around 1300 UTC.) There is also a tiny R.FÛrmula station in Guadalajara, right on the main beam of my antenna, but XENT has a huge signal so I suspect I may never log the Guadalajara station. XENT does air a few local ads, mostly for a local Nissan dealer. [Hall-CA]

800, XEROK Cd. Ju·rez, Chih. JAN 11 1300 - National anthem, followed by ID and ads and/or PSA's. Still on greatly reduced power, so tough copy and real DX now. [Wilkins-CO]

810, XERSV R.AlegrÌa, Cd. ObregÛn, Son. JAN 5 1301 - Presumed with big signal running national anthem. Recording stopped before the ID, but they are a regular catch if I happen to be listening at this hour. [Hall-CA]

820, XEBA La Consentida, Guadalajara, Jal. JAN 5 1200 - All alone on channel (my south/southeast wire really gets rid of 820 WBAP and 850 KOA) with choral version of Mexican anthem, full ID mentioning 10 kW, "La Consentida" slogan and studio/office address. Unneeded but haven't heard them so clear and alone in a long time. [Hall-CA]

850, XEMIA 850 Noticias/La 850 AM, San Pedro Tlaquepaque, Jal. JAN 7 1200 - All alone on channel with overnight program of very light music (for people who leave the radio on all night?), "La 850 AM" between songs. Parallel web stream. New, Jalisco #21, Mexico #295, station #1408. [Hall-CA]

880, unID JAN 5 1201 - High choral version of Mexican anthem. This is surely unneeded XEAAA, right on the main beam of this antenna. XEAAA is probably the only Mexican station left on 880 at this point. [Hall-

CA]

940, XEMMM Mexicali, BC DEC 30 1119 - U.S. pop oldies, with between songs announcement, "Nueve cuarenta; oldies, but goodies." (Last part in English with accent.) Matched this up with the internet stream. [Vance-TX]

950, XEMEX Cd. Guzman, Jal. JAN 2 1200 - National anthem into full ID and then baladas. 104.9 FM and "La Mexicana" slogans. [Vance-TX]

980, XEFQ La FQ, La Voz de la Ciuded del Cobre, Cananea, Son. JAN 5 1159 - Long version of Mexican anthem (about 4 minutes 40 seconds) as used on other IMER stations, ID. Note this is an hour earlier than a Sonora station would normally run the anthem. [Hall-CA]

1010, XEPA Santa MarÌa Coronango, Pue. JAN 2 0600 - Fair to good signal; ID, male with "La Ke Buena diez-diez, XEPA AM... mil wats... Puebla, la Ke Buena diez diez," then into national anthem. New. [Niven-TX]

1050, XEBCS La Radio de Surcalifornia, La Paz, BCS JAN 5 1201 - On top of channel with ID and mention of 99.1 FM. [Hall-CA]

1060, unID JAN 5 1200 - High choral version of Mexican anthem. Soon faded. Probably unneeded XEEP. [Hall-CA]

1150, XEAD MetrÛpoli, Guadalajara, Jal. JAN 5 1201 - Faded up under KEIB with weather for Guadalajara. [Hall-CA]

1160, XEQIN San Quintin, BC JAN 2 1403 - National anthem, followed by rooster crowing and probable ID at 1405 UTC. Rough copy with blowtorch KSL not completely nullable. [Wilkins-CO]

1190, XEWK, W Radio, Guadalajara, Jal. JAN 5 1200 - Male announcer, "1190 AM, W Radio." [Hall-CA]

1260, unID JAN 5 1200 - Choral version of Mexican anthem, male announcer seemed to be giving a slogan that included "zeta." This (and the ranchera music I had noted a few minutes earlier) would seem to indicate XEMW, but this would be two hours early for them to be running the anthem. (XEMW and 1080 XEDY had both been simulcasting 107.1 XHDY, whose ID on their web stream only mentions FM 107.1.) [Hall-CA]

1270, XEGL La Verdad Radio, Navojoa, Son. JAN 5 1200 - Full ID through local XEAZ open carrier. [Hall-CA]

1270, unID JAN 6 1201 - Fast choral anthem mixing with KBZZ and KTFI

under local XEAZ open carrier. Faded before any useful details were noted. I had heard a bit of adult contemporary/grupera music before the top of the hour. [Hall-CA]

1280, XEAW Monterrey, NL JAN 5 1210 - News and talk by man and woman, CTS time checks, block of ads at bottom of hour. "AW Radio" and "AW" slogans were used. [Vance-TX]

1310, XEHIT Puebla, Pue. JAN 4 0600 - Noted with full ID given by female, then into national anthem; fair signal mixed with another Mexican station with national anthem underneath. Relog. [Niven-TX] JAN 7 1233 - Full ID by woman, "Radio Poblana" slogan. [Vance-TX]

1310, XEC R.Enciso/Mil AM, Tijuana, BCN JAN 7 1200 - Surprised to hear an anthem on my local station at 4 a.m. Even more surprised to find out they are now relaying 1000 XEOY and ID'ing as "Mil AM." [Hall-CA]

1370, unID JAN 5 1159 - Mexican anthem and right back to R.FÛrmula network feed. Could be XEMON or XEHF. [Hall-CA]

1380, XECO Rom·ntica, MÈxico, DF JAN 5 1158 - Mexican anthem and ID. [Hall-CA]

1650, XEARZ Zer Radio, MÈxico, DF JAN 2 0559 - Noted Spanish talk at tune in, then male and female come on with XEARZ ID; fair signal. New. [Niven-TX] JAN 5 1200 - Choral version of Mexican anthem under KSVE.

Interesting that 1610 XEUACH, which used to be audible on a car radio here in winter, has not been heard for some time, and has never been logged from the Border Inn. [Hall-CA]

Tim Hall, Chula Vista CA; Perseus, SDR-IQ, 560-ft unterminated mini-BOG aimed south/southeast, unterminated 750-ft mini-BOG aimed north/northwest.

Tim Hall, Cambria CA [Hall-CA1]; Perseus, SDR-IQ, Sony ICF-2010, Radio West Loop, 70-ft long wire running west, 660 and 840-ft unterminated mini-BOG's aimed north/northwest.

James Niven, Cedar Creek TX; Elad S2, Drake R8, DKaz antennas 140 x 23-ft high east and south, Ewe antennas 100 x 15-ft east and west, 150-ft long wire.

Paul Snider, Welland ON; Elad FDM-S2, Pixel Pro 1B loop, MFJ-1020C as tuner.

Robert Vance; El Paso TX; WiNRADiO G33DDC, various indoor and outdoor loop antennas.

John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO; Drake R8, 4-foot box loop.
(NRC IDXD Jan 12 via DXLD)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE`S MEXICO BEAT this week --- [TDT/DTV marginally]

An absolute blizzard of radio station award activity has hit the IFT. In fact, in two meetings in December, a number of stations were awarded. On December 13, these were approved...

-In Actopan, Hidalgo, the Universidad AutÛnoma del Estado de Hidalgo will build its fifth radio station and fourth in the last couple of years.

-Previously reported, but now confirmed: community concessions to Radio Erandi, A.C. (TangancÌcuaro, Mich.), Grupo Cultural TangancÌcuaro (TangancÌcuaro, Mich.), and Comunicadores de TancÌtaro, A.C. (TancÌtaro, Mich.)

-Also new: untyped social stations to Ageo Hern·ndez Hern·ndez (¡lamo Temapache, Ver.); Jorge Luis Salazar Mandujano https://twitter.com/yorch_sm (Bochil, Chis.); Ciencia, ComunicaciÛn y TecnologÌa de Irapuato, A.C. (Dolores Hidalgo Cuna de la Independencia Nacional, Gto.); Rate Cultural y Educativa de MÈxico, A.C. (Puerto Vallarta, Jal.); Frecuencias Sociales, A.C. (Tuxpan and Tomatl·n, Jal.); La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara, A.C. (Urique and Bocoyna, Chih.); Identidad Cultural en Tulum, A.C. (Tulum, Q. Roo); Felipe de Jesus de los Santos Cigarroa (Tonal·, Chis.).

-An additional social station was chosen from among two applicants for one allotment at Puerto Vallarta.

Six days later, the IFT resolved an avalanche of applications resulting from old permit filings under the LFRTV.

Many of these were choices from among mutually exclusive applicants, and it's not clear from the agendas what actually happened. The numbers signal how many permit applications were ruled on in each location.

-Zacatecas (5): Among the applicants were Fomento Educativo y Cultural Francisco de Ibarra, A.C., the legal name of the Universidad AutÛnoma de Durango private university (XHUAD-FM-TDT, XHLUAD and XHTLAN), which appears to have won. Losers were FundaciÛn Tiempo de Comunicar, A.C.; FundaciÛn Cultural por Zacatecas, A.C. (NTR); and Impulso a la M˙sica Mexicana, A.C. There appears to be a fifth party, which won a station.

-Los Mochis (4): Sinaloa, Arte y Gloria, A.C.; Fomento Educativo y Cultural Francisco de Ibarra, A.C.; and Universidad AutÛnoma de Sinaloa. Sinaloa, Arte y Gloria is a social wolf operating XHGVE-FM "La Interesante de Guasave". The Universidad AutÛnoma de Sinaloa has never operated a broadcast station outside of Culiac·n, where it owns an AM-FM combo.

-Hermosillo (4): Fomento Educativo y Cultural Francisco de Ibarra, A.C.; Democracia y DeliberaciÛn DesÈrtica, A.C.; Organiden, A.C.; SecretarÌa de Cultura. Somehow this logjam came out with all four stations winning. Organiden owns the unbuilt XHGYM-FM in Guaymas. The SecretarÌa de Cultura station is a long-tied up proposed repeater of Radio EducaciÛn, similar to XHYRE in MÈrida. As to DDD, there is no information, but it smells like a potential community station.

-Canc˙n (10): Holy mackerel! We only know the eight losers: La Voz del Padre PÌo, A.C.; Universidad TecnolÛgica del Sur, S.C.; Comunicadores con Principios y Valores, A.C.; ComunicaciÛn Para el Desarrollo Humano, A.C.; FundaciÛn Ecoforestal, A.C.; Cultura y Desarrollo Social de Quintana Roo, A.C.; TV Turismo y Salud, A.C.; y La Verdad Radio y TV, A.C.

There was also an indigenous station added to complete the picture. This station will be owned by the Mixteca indigenous community in the municipality of Santa MarÌa Yucuhiti, Oaxaca. It appears to be the legalization of station "Eco de la MontaÒa - Radio Yucuhiti 92.5 FM".
https://www.facebook.com/Ecodelamontana/

In all, the IFT awarded 14 stations in a single meeting!

-There were also a series of station sales, as XHCV-FM is sold by Rafael Castro Torres to RenÈ Castro EcheverrÌa; Radio y TelevisiÛn de Colima transfers XHTTT-FM in Colima to Telecomunicaciones CH, S.A. de C.V. (also a unit of CapitalMedia).

Last edited by Raymie; 01-12-2018 at 06:04 PM (Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, Jan 12, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Analysis: Clearing the Blizzard

If I'm reading the IFT meeting notes correctly, in a week the IFT awarded 27 public, social, social community and social indigenous station concessions. Some of these are applications that have been hanging on for years.

Winner: People who like university radio. It was a good day to be the

private Universidad AutÛnoma de Durango, which has doubled the size of its radio station footprint. The station at Zacatecas is noteworthy as the first ever university radio station on FM in the entire state, while Mochis and Hermosillo are also part of their expansion. (They did apply for Chihuahua Capital, but I can't see more stations being inserted there.)

Winner: People who like university radio in Los Mochis. With the aforementioned UAD expansion and the second ever radio station for the Universidad AutÛnoma de Sinaloa, the number of university stations either on air, under construction or freshly awarded is now 4, including XHMFS in El Fuerte (Universidad AutÛnoma Intercultural de Sinaloa).

Winners: TangancÌcuaro, TancÌtaro, Santa MarÌa Yucuhiti, Tuxpan in Jalisco, Bochil, Urique, Bocoyna and Tulum. The awarded stations are the first radio service in each of these localities, with the exception of Tulum, for which this is the first noncommercial station to be set up, and TangancÌcuaro, where a permit discontinuity accounts for one of the stations. It is definitely feasible in the two towns in Chihuahua that there have never been reliable FM radio transmissions ó Urique in particular is uniquely remote, and the closest FM station is nearly 100 km away at Guachochi (before September, it was 115 km away at El Fuerte, Sinaloa).

It is worth noting that La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara can't have anything to do with XETAR radio in Guachochi.

Loser: People who like university radio in Canc˙n. The private Universidad TecnolÛgica del Sur lost out. It remains to be seen who actually won there, and also at one station at Zacatecas.

Loser: Ambitious, large station count social wolves. Sorry, FundaciÛn Ecoforestal and Impulso a la M˙sica Mexicana, but you did not make it. (Rate Cultural y Educativa now has its third station, with awards having already been made for Guadalupe-Zacatecas and Manzanillo.) (Raymie, Jan 12, ibid.)

In Mexico City radio, nothing is forever, and now, nothing is Siempre.

Grupo ACIR has restored the name 88.9 Noticias and its longtime slogan InformaciÛn que Sirve, which were first used between 2003 and 2013, to XHM-FM, which had been known for the past four and a half years as Siempre 88.9.
https://889noticias.mx/

The revamped 88.9 Noticias still retains a lot of music programming outside of peak hours and actually has no programming changes at all,

but the return of the 88.9 Noticias brand was completely unexpected from a company that maintains few news/talk stations as it is, two of them future AM-FM migrants that appear headed for format changes, plus XHM and XHVILL in Villahermosa (Raymie, Jan 13, ibid.)

Some IFT meeting notes on news from November...

-The EstÈreo PeÒasquito station at Mazapil, Zacatecas, is indeed being run by the mining companies there. This caused a bit of confusion at the Pleno, not in the least because the station would be entirely in the hands of Goldcorp management. With fewer than 800 people, Mazapil's new station will have one of the least populated service areas in the entire country.

In fact, the Radio La Filosita station is related. Goldcorp owned the mine there and sold it to Leagold, another Canadian mining company.

-Grupo Radio Fiesta SierreÒa's station is more like a cluster of four stations. While Moctezuma was known, they had also applied for stations at three other small Sonoran towns: Bacerac, Bacadehuachi, and Divisaderos.

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Elsewhere...

New broadcast stations mean more employees in the industry, and the STIRTT wants to represent them.
https://www.elsoldepuebla.com.mx/local/busca-stirtt-representar-a-empleados-de-nuevas-televisoras-y-radiodifusoras-de-puebla
The Puebla chapter is looking to represent an additional 100 people this year due to the launch of five new radio stations and the two TV stations from IFT-6. The national organization has begun talks with Multimedios and Telsusa to represent their employees, as well.

And one new IFT-4 radio station owner might have politics on the brain again. The principal of Mezkla FM (San AndrÈs Tuxtla, Veracruz) is Rafael Fararoni Mortera, who made his money in the beer distribution business (one article I found called him the Beer Czar of the Tuxtlas) and was at one point the mayor of San AndrÈs Tuxtla. One report has him looking for the PAN-PRD-MC stamp of approval to run for the Chamber of Deputies.
https://www.eldictamen.mx/2018/01/lo-que-se-dice/miguel-miguel/
(Raymie, Jan 15, ibid.)

While anonymous edits to Wikipedia always deserve a grain of salt, this one might explain the long game in the unusual station move-in

being conducted by Grupo ORO, the new owners of XHEV-FM.

XEEV-AM 1330 had gone on the air in 1982 and for more than 30 years broadcast to the people of Iz˙car de Matamoros. In its last Iz˙car-focused incarnation, it was Capital M·xima for the area, having become XHEV-FM 99.9.

It caught my attention when XHEV was relaunched by ORO as La Rom·ntica, La Flor de Atlixco. Even just moving the studios the 35 kilometers between Iz˙car and Atlixco is an unusual move by Mexican standards. But there might be a second hop, or at least this hop comes with a transmitter move that enables the second at some point.

The anonymous Wikipedia edit put the transmitter at a Cerro Cristo Rey in San Bernardino. Given the area, it's likely the San Bernardino in question is not Tlaxcalancingo, which is to the northwest (and on the IFT books as the home of XHSBE-FM and XEZAR-AM), but rather San Bernardino Chalchihuapan, which is to the northeast. More importantly, from a radio standpoint, it's also halfway between Atlixco and the Puebla metropolitan area.

Cerro Cristo Rey includes a ridge where telecommunications equipment is already located, though no broadcasting uses. There is also an Iglesia Cristo Rey atop the mountain, and it's a popular site for hang-gliding.

The potential benefits of this site are captured by this set of images from atop the mountain.

Here's the gorgeous view to the northeast, showing Chalchihuapan in the foreground but with all the urban development of Puebla in the background.
https://www.google.com/maps/@18.9641159,-98.3398978,3a,75y,41.92h,90t/data=!3m8!1e1!3m6!1sAF1QipMz4XqbHcSa3_6L4mRiJQuSUJGth6TGRo-wjmkB!2e10!3e11!6shttps:%2F%2Flh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipMz4XqbHcSa3_6L4mRiJQuSUJGth6TGRo-wjmkB%3Dw203-h100-k-no-pi-2.9999962-ya189.5-ro0-fo100!7i7680!8i3840

The opposite direction features an unobstructed view of Atlixco.
https://www.google.com/maps/@18.9635573,-98.3429305,3a,61.1y,239.98h,85.83t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1syXP2J-Lx8tzXFrA2H41aVA!2e0!7i13312!8i6656

The ridges on the other side of Chalchihuapan mean that as a Puebla station, XHEV would be a rimshot and may actually miss parts of the metro in the 60 dBu contour. It's also worth noting that the HAAT of the site, even with no stick, is somewhere around 260 meters, so the station could not operate at 6 kW ERP without a change in station class. Additionally, the signal would not be very listenable in Iz˙car. Last edited by Raymie; 01-18-2018 at 07:43 PM. Reason: oops

(Raymie, originally Jan 16, ibid.)

Correction to an earlier item:

Acustik Michoac·n went on the air yesterday, but without its eight radio stations, which they're hoping to be able to get on air before the end of February.
https://twitter.com/rdromundo/status/953417945161654273
(Raymie, Jan 16, ibid.)

Put a new station on the board.

When IFT commissioners can't make their meetings, they'll often leave written explanations of their votes, and Adriana Labardini's explanation for a vote on a Puerto Vallarta station gave us two items.

We first off know who that station is going to: Frecuencias Sociales, A.C., making it their third station. It will not go to the other applicant, Carlos MartÌnez MacÌas.

We also know the callsign and frequency: XHPVT-FM 97.5. In fact, we know other callsigns and frequencies for the same reason, but unfortunately not all of them from the meeting:

Frecuencias Sociales will be operating XHTOJ 91.5 in Tomatl·n and XHTUJ 90.1 in Tuxpan, both also in Jalisco.

XHICT-FM 104.7 will be operated by Identidad Cultural en Tulum, which of course is in Tulum, Quintana Roo.

Felipe de Jes˙s de los Santos Cigarroa gets his initials in a callsign: XHFJSC-FM 102.5, which will broadcast to the people of Tonal·, Chiapas.

Comunicadores de TancÌtaro goes on air to that town in Michoac·n on XHTNC-FM 105.1.

This was instantaneous, at least in IFT years! (Raymie, Jan 17, ibid.)

File this in the crumb drawer:

November 12, 2016: There's also XEFNDH 1290 at San Mateo Yoloxochitl·n, Oaxaca (no idea how those calls got there).

Now I have an idea, thanks to some buried transparency filings. This was (almost certainly) to have been an indigenous station to be awarded to the Fraternidad Nacional de Organizaciones de Derechos Humanos.

An FM application from this group for the same locality was thrown out by the IFT, with the given reason being "Application dismissed for failure to respond to a written request".

[tagline] Este programa es p˙blico, ajeno a cualquier partido polÌtico. Queda prohibido el uso para fines distintos a los establecidos en el programa (Raymie, Jan 18, ibid.)

** MEXICO. 6185, UNID. Just as I tuned in at 1311, someone with fairly strong signal playing Classical music suddenly went off. R. Educacion?? 2 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 5985, Myanmar R. Burmese talk by W announcer 1331-1333+. Came back later at 1402 and heard M announcer still audible but getting some slop QRM from a huge 5970 WEWN 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD) Note the credit lines: some are home, some on DX-pedition

7200, Myanmar R. (presumed) Surprised to find a signal here at 1140 with program of Asian Pops and M announcer hosting. 1153-1158 familiar-sounding W announcer perhaps a news bulletin. M announcer again and back to music. Came back at 1227 and found improved signal with more music, M and W announcers at 1229, brief music intro 1230 then W with apparent news going all the way to 1259. Peaking around our sunrise at 1240 but then a lot of ham QRM after that 10 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

7200, Myanmar R. Poor signal at 1134 with Asian pop-like music, before changing the BOG antenna direction, then better at 1143 with talk by W. Decent signal at 1200 with M and W program hosts. Still going with music at 1228, then same M and W again. Both in unison briefly at 1229. 1230 soft music and different W host with mention of Myanmar and then bit of English words counting off apparent important points once mentioning ìThree, historically Ö abnormal behaviorÖî. Really tough to copy due to signal and announcers` accent. Tnx to Ron Howard, he states this was the Distance Learning Service. Signal gone by 1342 check, and indeed Ronís said they went off at 1332 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Original Message
From: "Ralph Meissner" <DK3GH@gmx.de>
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 12:17 PM

Subject: [INTRUDER ALERT] Radio Myanmar on 7200 kHz

By occasion I receive Radio Myanmar today on 7200 kHz here in Phuket with 5/9+30dB from 10:50 UTC up (Ralph, HS0ZFL, DK3GH, Meissner, Jan 10, INTRUDERALERT mailing list
INTRUDERALERT@iaru-r1.org
http://iaru-r1.org/mailman/listinfo/intruderalert_iaru-r1.org
via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

7200 kHz Yegu Yangoon 0030-0530z Myanmar Radio: 7200 kHz til SIGN OFF switched exact at 0530:10z. Jan 11, S=9+25dB signal strength in eastern Thailand location. 73 wolfie df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** MYANMAR/BURMA. 7200.0, Myanmar Radio, 1230, Jan 11. Theme music to begin non-stop lectures for their Distance Learning Service, in vernacular and some English; first lecture about abnormal psychology, with many words in English, as well as definition of abnormal psychology in English and also the "historical prospective on abnormal behavior." My audio at
http://goo.gl/Q1rLhF
Yesterday the transmitter went off at 1358, while today it went off at 1332, with the audio ending today at 1330, after the usual ending theme music.

It was back in 2010, that I first heard these distance learning lectures via Myanmar Radio. They were of interest to me, as they often had words and/or phrases in English, as well as algebra(?) lessons ("x plus . . equals . . minus," etc.).

"In principle, distance-education is a very good system. It tends to be an inclusive education system for all students who live in rural areas of the country. In other words, the country could nurture effective degree holders efficiently." http://goo.gl/wojXhD

Colleges like Yangon Univ. of Distance Education and Mandalay Univ. of Distance Education
http://www.mude.edu.mm/
provide students with an opportunity to get an education even if they live in remote areas of Myanmar and are unable to attend the urban campuses.

7200.0, Myanmar Radio, 1230, Jan 12. Theme music to begin series of lectures via Distance Learning Service, in vernacular and English; "natural science" lecture dealing with "the law of uniformity of nature," using a lot of English; lecture on "Western philosophy" (quantum theory, everything is relative and giving seven characteristics of Western philosophy, etc.), also with a lot of English; 1355*, after ending theme music; fairly readable.

So far there has not been any consistent sign off time during the three days they have returned to this frequency!

5915, Myanmar Radio, 1327, on Jan 15. Anomaly of CRI being off the air; very rare; able to hear indigenous music/singing, but strong QRM from 5920, with the N. Korea jamming of the Voice of Freedom from S. Korea, so best in LSB.

7200.0, Myanmar Radio, 1230, Jan 14. Start of the lectures via Distance Learning Service; mostly in vernacular; mentioned in English "long vowels" and "short vowels"; fair. My frequency reference of .0, is due to the fact that in past years this was often off frequency (7200.1), via a different transmitter. Jan 15, off the air at 1341*, after theme music (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 6150, GERMANY, The Mighty KBC 0019 talk about writing of ìTelstarî, then ID singing jingle, M with song announcement, and into ìYou Can Drive My Carî by The Beatles. Very strong and clear of course. 14 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Frequency change of Radio New Zealand Pacific from Jan 13:
1059-1258 NF 9890*RAN 100 kW / 325 deg NWPac/PNG/As English, ex 11610
*strong co-ch 9890 LIN 100 kW / 286 deg EaAs Uyghur CNR-13, bad choice
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/frequency-change-of-radio-new-zealand.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NICARAGUA. QSL letter from V. of Nicaragua, 1983, which has been purchased by Artie Bigley:
https://www.ebay.com/itm/QSL-letter-The-Voice-of-Nicaragua-1983-/152867482772?_trksid=p2047675.l2557&ssPageName=STRK%3AMEBIDX%3AIT&nma=true&si=H59%252FeftwhsYerHtw2Ksan398FEc%253D&orig_cvip=true&rt=nc
(via Artie, DXLD)

Addressed to someone named Neil, in Ontario K2V 5B8; Carleton? The name is only partially blocked, last letters look like that (gh, DXLD)

** NICARAGUA. NICAR¡GUA, 8989-BLS, El Pescador Predicador, QTH?, 2223-..., 06/1, bÍnÁ„os; 25342. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [and non]. Fair to good signal of Voice of Nigeria Jan 13
0700-0800 on 7254.9 AJA 250 kW / 248 deg to WCAf French/Fulfulde
0800-0900 on 7254.9 AJA 250 kW / 248 deg to WCAf English, weak + QRM

same time on 7254.8 KBD 250 kW / non-dir to WeAs Farsi Radio Kuwait:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/fair-to-good-signal-of-voice-of-nigeria.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. 11530, Jan 11 at 1924, WRMI is S9 to S9+10 of open carrier, prior to R. Herwa International, which at 1936 recheck is in Hausa about Boko Haram.

As of 2053 Jan 11, there is not a word (literally) about this on the WRMI programming page, http://wrmi.net/index.php/programming/ altho it was belatedly entered onto the frequency skedgrid,
http://www.tinyurl.com/WRMIfqs
as the only usage of XMTR 10, at 1930-2000 & 0700-0730, but altho still labeled South America, the azimuth has now been corrected from 160 to 87 degrees as appropriate for Africa. Nor is there anything about Herwa, searching WRMI FB. AFAIK, the only info to the SW community about this service is what I searched out when originally discovered. See DXLD 17-48.
http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1748.txt
Let`s take another look at the websites I found:

http://www.international-alert.org/partner/herwa-community-development-initiative
http://herwacdi.com.ng/

It was not 100% certain these are related to the SW broadcasts, as nothing was said about them. STILL nothing; own website, the second one, has not been updated for 11 months. Unfortunately, this service emerged just a little too late to make an entry into the WRTH 2018.

BTW, except for the original Radio Africa service outlier way up on 21525, 11530 is now the highest WRMI frequency in use. Daytime listeners in North America would be best served on the 13 or 15 MHz bands (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Herwa International via WRMI and TDF, Jan 15:
0700-0730 on 11530 YFR 100 kW / 087 deg to WeAf Hausa/Kanuri, fair
0700-0730 on 13710*ISS 100 kW / 170 deg to WeAf Hausa/Kanuri, good
* co-ch same 13710 unscheduled transmission on China National Radio
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-herwa-international_15.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 14-15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11530, Jan 15 at 1929, WRMI clear with prÈlude of IS and Biermann IDs prior to programming ``resuming at the top of the hour``, 1930 into Radio Herwa International, music and talk, but rather distorted. Apparently from their audio file rather than a transmitter problem (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. SECRETLAND, Radio Nigeria IPOB via SPL Secretbrod on Jan 8
1600-1700 on 15110 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to WeAf Hausa, very poor
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-nigeria-ipob-via-spl.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 8-9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SECRETLAND, Radio Nigeria IPOB via SPL Secretbrod on Jan 9
1600-1700 on 15110 SCB 100 kW / 195 deg to WeAf Hausa, very poor
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-nigeria-ipob-via-spl_10.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 9-10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Radio Nigeria, 15110 via BULGARIA:] Detectable audio today for the full half-hour after TWR sign-off. Mostly readable. A lot of mentions of Boko Haram. Audio cut-off in mid-sentence at about 1700:00 UT. Transmitter off at 1700:45 UT. No noticeable sign-off announcement. We might have decent reception on the weekend when TWR is off and be able to copy the sign-on announcement, if any (-- Richard Langley, Jan 11, dxldyg via DXLD) On 15105 kHz till 1627UT is TWR in Kirundi (Ivo)

[non] Sorry, I was not at home to get SW signals there, after 1620 UT. SWAZILAND 15104.964 TWR Manzini S=9+25dB signal here in southern Germany. At 1611 UT religious song heard 1612 to 1614 UT.

But nothing noted on 15110 kHz in 1600-1620 UT when tuned-in, from planned/requested SPC-NURTS Sofia Kostinbrod relay transmission.
73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

Stronger signal today using the U. Twente SDR receiver right from before program start. Could hear the musical sign-on even with the splash from TWR using USB mode. Strong enough to understand if one spoke Hausa. Looking forward to Saturday and Sunday when we might get TWR-interference-free reception.

Audio abruptly quit at about 1647. Carrier stayed on but then transmitter off by about 1657 UT. So, this appears to be a live feed and not fed from an mp3 file. (?) (Richard Langley, Jan 12, ibid.)

15110, Sat Jan 13 at 1600, since I have UTwente SDR running for World of Radio on 6190, I retune to here for the new ``Radio Nigeria`` service of IPOB via BULGARIA. Quite sufficient reception, thumb-piano music and song, soon talk in presumed Hausa, maybe mentions Radio Nigeria; 1616 another bit of such music, more talk. Since UTwente eats up so much RAM, I bail out at 1630, but 1658 recheck, now even stronger with music, thumb piano and singing until 1701, open carrier, off by 1702 (times with internet delay). (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No QRM today and signal at fair strength but with fades using the U. Twente SDR receiver. Indigenous sign-on music followed by announcement that included "As-salamu `alaykum" I believe. So perhaps this is a Muslim-oriented station and/or one intended principally for northern Nigeria. More later when I have time to listen to the recording if reception holds up. My recording of the whole one-hour broadcast, using the U. Twente SDR receiver, is here:
http://www2.unb.ca/gge/test/SWL/
IPOB_Radio_Nigeria_15.110MHz_13January2018_1600UTC.mp3
The transmitter came up a few minutes early with the program beginning within a second or so of 1600:00 UT. The transmitter went off around 1642:30 but came back about two-and-a-half minutes later. Program ended within a second or so of 1700:00 and the transmitter was switched off about 10 seconds later. Reception improved during the hour with quite a good signal at the end.

The presenter talks about "Radio Naga-see-ya." Is this the name of the station? I don't think it's a different pronunciation of Nigeria, but I could be wrong. One clearly hears "Nigeria" during the program. I'll try to find a Hausa-speaking student to see if he can help with the correct identification of the station (-- Richard Langley, 1851 UT Jan 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15110 Bulgaria ? IPOB Location ??? Jan 13, 2018 Satuday. 1640-1642* After reading Richardís post, I tried to listen again at 1640. Still not readable at my location in Jo'burg, and it seemed to go off air at 1642, almost immediately after I tuned in. Very poor. Joíburg sunset 1705.

In contrast to unreadable IPOB from Bulgaria half an hour ago, NHK Radio Japan via France on 11945 is coming in well at 1720.

11945, France NHK Radio Japan, Issoudun. Jan 13, 2018 Saturday. 1718-1725. To Southern Africa. Good, in presumed Japanese. Joíburg sunset 1705 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[15110 at 1655 Jan 13] I managed to record the attached audio via a

Dutch remote receiver (Mauno Ritola, dxldyg via DXLD)

Great recording, Mauno. Infinitely better reception than I am getting in the supposed target area, albeit at the Southern edge of it! (Bill, RSA, ibid.)

I don`t see why they should care to cover southern Africa, where Hausa is a foreign language (gh, DXLD)

During the broadcast yesterday (15 January), I clearly heard "Radio Nigeria Hausa." On the Radio Biafra Facebook page (owned by IPOB) we find the station name as "Radio Nigeria Hausa Service."

Also, a few days ago they posted two images on FB, one in Hausa and one in English, about the station (with the incorrect time of the broadcast). Google (rough) translation of the Hausa text (similar to the English) has:

Friends of the North
You are listening to the Radio of Nigeria
True Voice
15110 kHz meters
The program starts from 7 to 8 o'clock in the afternoon to be healthy

But there seems to be a conflict going on with these external broadcasts to Nigeria and who is actually behind them. On the Radio Biafra Facebook page, we find this comment (in caps) from someone posted two days ago:

"RADIO NIGERIA HAUSA SERVICE BY IPOB IS FAKE AND WAS GENERATED BY NIGERIA DSS AND IT IS LOCATED IN FLORIDA USA. REAL RADIO BIAFRA IS IN LONDON. RADIO BIAFRA HAUSA WILL COME UP NEXT WEEK ON SHORTWAVE AND FM. DONT BE DECIEVED." (-- Richard Langley, Jan 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just heard back from one of our students whose brother has a friend who speaks Hausa. It appears they use "Radio Nagaskiya" or "Radio Na Gagaskiya" to identify themselves in the broadcasts sometimes. This means "Radio of Truth" or perhaps just "Radio Truth." For the Saturday program that I archived on our website, here is what the Hausa speaker had to say:

"The name of the radio station is NAGASKIYA radio from Nasarawa state. Tone of the talk is between northern Hausa and Fulani people. The reason Fulani's are travelling to other northern states to feed their cows and Buhari's agenda since becoming the president of Nigeria. He only focuses on his enemies, not actually fighting corruption. Politicians like Atiku abubakar and others havenít been investigated

by the EFCC. People are dying of hunger, poverty has improved [[gotten worse?]], no money, unemployment." (-- Richard Langley, Jan 16, not in time for WOR 1913, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1230, Jan 15 at 1955 UT, WBBZ Ponca City VG by groundwave but dead air during Rush Limbaugh; within a minute, a casino ad fires; followed by a PSA (while 740 KRMG has Rush himself endorsing algo); 1958 UT ``News Talk 1230, WBBZ``, more dead air, 1959 UT local ad, 2000 UT CBS News (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Applications to extend existing STAs received: 1520, KOKC OK Oklahoma City ñ Applies to extend STA, U1 10000/10000, temporary tower (AM Switch, NRC DX News Jan 22, published Jan 14, via DXLD

** OKLAHOMA. MWDX from this state abroad continues to be quite rare. I`ve searched for OK in the entire latest issues of MW News from the UK, and mv-eko from Sweden, and out of hundreds of logs of American MW stations, including many graveyarders, there are only a handful of KOKC 1520 reports, and one QSL for KEBC 1560. That`s it, nothing else, no other OK stations making it out of the continent, not even KZLS 1640. Did not search for KFSW 1650 ``AR``, really in OK (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, Radio Sultanate of Oman at 1400 with OC to a fanfare at 1401 and a woman with ìThat was the headlines. Now the news in detailî and local news to 1405 then international news to 1408 and the headlines repeated and into an interview with the Pakistani Trade Minister on trade and relations between Pakistan and Oman - Fair to Good Jan 16 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. In remote SDR unit installation at Delhi India heard Pakistani Radio Peshawar III on very odd frequency:
1170.193 kHz measured at 1318z, S=9+10dB signal. 25 kilometers east of Peshawar, 3 km east of Pabbi registered 540 / 1170 / 1377 kHz 300 / 100 / 10 kW. 73 wb df5sx

Location 34 00 20.68 N 71 50 02.00 E
<https://binged.it/2DkMUH5>
<https://goo.gl/maps/ouHwJXxsNsS2>

[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10, BCDX 16 Jan via DXLD)

** PANAMA. An E-skip fish in the sea has grown larger

Here is an update to HORDC-2. Once again, HORDC-2 was given the green

light in December 2017 to increase their power. They are now officially broadcasting with 178,567 watts ERP. And just for kicks I attached their technical info (jpeg image) from the ASEP website.

Maybe someone in the US will have an even better chance to catch them during a Central American E-skip opening. But I should warn you, they are using a highly directional vertical signal, which probably runs East and West. So it may not be as easy as it sounds.

Attached Images Attached Images
File Type: jpg HORDC-2 96.7 EL VALLE PNR.JPG (318.1 KB, 2 views)
(Jim Thomas, Springfield, MO, Jan 14, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, NBC Madang, 1201-1228*, Jan 14. Poor reception during their normal Sunday religious music program.

BTW - NBC Bougainville (3325) continues silent through Jan 15 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. [4747+], OAZ5B, R. Huanta 2000, Huanta fair on 14 Jan from 2252 tune from KiwiSDR SW England; non-stop Peruvian Huayno music with Spanish announcements/commercial by man ("Huanta" mentioned) at 2301 and back into non-stop music program. SINPO 34433 with CODAR QRM at barely audible level and some splash from 4750 (Bruce Churchill, CA, dxlddyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4747.58, R. Huanta 2000 (presumed) 2350 sounded like an ad block, OA campesina music. What sounded like a mention of Huanta (twice) and Peru in the first canned announcement in an ad/promo block 0004-0007. Back to campesina music. Went off abruptly in mid-song at 0009:44. Horrendous CODAR QRM. Almost certain I could have IDed it if not for the CODAR. First heard here on the 12th. 14-15 Jan.

4747.58, R. Huanta 2000. This is indeed the one here. Noted at 2310 with campesina music but went off around 2315. Found back on 2330. Was able to // their webstream with ad/promo block from 2336 to 2342. Mentions of Huanta. 2 announcements had long list of presumed network stns. Live M announcer came back with announcement including ID at 2342. Caught a full canned ID by M at 0005. Peaked around 2335 and faded some. Of course horrible CODAR QRM. 15-16 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

R. Huanta 2000 At 2330 UT on Jan 16, S=6 or -91dBm noted in central Florida location, Perseus SDR, on 4747.580 exact - 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4955, R. Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 2235-2245, 08/1, quÌchua, propag. relig., conte˙do que deu para perceber, pelas palavras emprestadas do castelhano; 35332.

5025, R. Quillabamba, Quillabamba, 2205-2212, 06/1, castelhano, an˙ncios comerciais; 32431, QRM de CUBA.

5980, R. Chaski, Cuzco, 2208-2217, 09/1, castelhano, texto, canÁıes; 23431, QRM adjacente. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5025.02, R. Quillabamba --- Rebelde off and this heard weakly at 1122 with M announcer in Spanish. OA flute music at 1123 briefly and different M announcer. Got to the frequency too late. Wonder if Rebelde was off at 1000 sign on time 6 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 9925 kHz, Radyo Pilipinas, OM talk, News, SINPO 34333, in 1753 UT Day 12 January 2018
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMsO5IhHxZ0

RX: Yaesu FRG 8800. Antena: Beverage simples. DXer: (Daniel Wyllyans, SÌtio Estrela do Araguaia - Nova Xavantina - Mato Grosso - Brasil, _ Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

17820.002, Radio Pilipinas, Tinang-PHL, English/Tagalog program to NE/ME foreign workers, S=6-7, 0200-0330 UT on Jan 14, at 0230 UT.

17700.002, Radio Pilipinas, Tinang-PHL, En/Tagalog program to NE/ME foreign workers, S=4-5 much fluttery, Jan 14 at 0240 UT.

15640.002, Radio Pilipinas, Tinang-PHL, English/Tagalog program to NE/ME foreign workers, tiny S=4-5, Jan 14 at 0255 UT. Log of Jan 14, 0230-0330 UT, remote access to Brisbane, Queensland unit [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 14 via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. Relativamente ao tema constante no programa acessÌvel em
https://www.rtp.pt/play/p3388/e314739/em-nome-do-ouvinte-o-programa-do-provedor-do-ouvinte-v-serie
creio que est· tudo dito quanto ‡s mentes que cozinharam tal decis„o. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST) Something about the ombudsperson (gh)

** ROMANIA. 6170, RRI at 2127 // 7310 and 7375 with IS to opening music at 2130 and a man and a woman with îRadio Romania International Encyclopediaî then a man and woman with ìTravel Romaniaî at 2137 ñ

Very Good Jan 15 ñ A bit of a programming screw up here as they normally start at 2130 giving ID, target area, web platforms, and then news before any features (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

[and non]. 7345.500, Jan 11 at 0715, RRI in German, S9+10/20 --- on split frequency! Finger must have slipped on their keypad, striking 5 twice. Must have been a terrible hit/het against BBC Ascension 7345.00 before 0700 when both are in English.

7345.00, Jan 12 at 0654, RRI English is back on-frequency, clashing equally with BBCWS English via Ascension; after having shifted to 7345.500 last night; whew, but with open frequencies all over the place, there is no need whatsoever for these two to collide (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. No signal of GTRK Radiocompany Adygeyan Radio, Jan 8 [Mon]
1800-1900 on 6000 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg to CeAs Ad/Ar/Tu Mon
1800-1900 on 6000 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg to CeAs Adygeyan Fri
1900-2000 on 6000 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg to CeAs Adygeyan Sun
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/no-signal-of-gtrk-radiocompany-adygeyan.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 8-9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 7345, Radio Sakha, via Yakutsk, on Jan 12, carrier already on at 0258; ToH 3+1 time pips (again without any IS); ID and news; later some nice ballads, along with a call in show; 7295 still not used as a // frequency.

7345, Radio Sakha, via Yakutsk. Jan 13 (Saturday), at 0200, with time pips and ID; weekend schedule 0000-0500, while weekdays is 0300-0500; again being heard at ToH without their distinctive Jew's harp (khomus) IS (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 9996, Jan 14 at 1421, binary code at S1, no doubt from RWM Taldom (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. RUSSIAN TV STATION REJECTS U.S. ACCUSATIONS OF INTERFERENCE
http://plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=23009&SEO=russian-tv-station-rejects-u.s.-accusations-of-interference

Moscow, Jan 8 (Prensa Latina) The chief editor of the TV station Russia Today (RT), Margarita Simonian, today rejected accusations of Russia's alleged interference and, least of all, by that media

organization in the internal affairs of the United States.

When commenting on stories that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is looking for information about Russia's alleged interference in the 2016 presidential election, Simonian asked the U.S. TV channel CBS if they believed that themselves.

Yes, because you believed and published that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, the main justification to attack that country in March 2003, without approval by the United Nations Security Council, she stressed.

You can hold the belief that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election, but in about five years it will be made public that it never happened, pointed out the RT chief editor, who was quoted here by local television.

The United States admitted, more than a decade later, that it followed little reliable information to say that Iraq still had weapons of mass destruction, although it tried to justify its military presence with the need to impose democracy there.

Simonian strongly denied RT's alleged influence on the victory of Republican President Donald Trump. We should have bet and supported Hillary Clinton, she said jokingly.

At the same time, she charged that several French and British media organizations joined in some extent U.S. media in their open support for Clinton, without being accused of interfering in internal affairs. jg/tgj/to/gdc (PreLA [CUBA, as if objective news could come from there], via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. FOREIGN SPIES ARE WATCHING ó AND PROBABLY TARGETING ó FOX NEWS CHANNEL
By Aki Peritz January 10 Follow @akiperitz

Aki Peritz is a former CIA counterterrorism analyst and coauthor of "Find, Fix, Finish: Inside the Counterterrorism Campaigns that Killed bin Laden and Devastated Al Qaeda."

President Trump watches Fox News constantly. Which means foreign spies probably do, too. (Rebecca Cook/Reuters) [caption]

The Associated Press recently reported that Russian intelligence has been aggressively and actively trying to compromise journalists across the globe. Media personalities were the third-largest group on the list of people Russian operatives tried to hack, after diplomatic personnel and Democrats, according to the cybersecurity firm

Secureworks.

Penetrating media circles seems to be worth the effort for certain nations. Such intelligence-focused efforts are amoral ó operatives go where the relevant data is. Foreign services are working every day to better understand Americaís next moves. Others are trying to covertly influence U.S. foreign policy.

But resources are finite. More personnel on one target means fewer on another. So if I were a spymaster in the employ of a hostile foreign service, Iíd devote some significant effort to penetrating one specific private institution: Fox News Channel. . .
https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/posteverything/wp/2018/01/10/foreign-spies-watching-and-probably-targeting-fox-news-channel/

another excerpt:
. . .For Russian intelligence, a systematic effort to threaten, coerce and co-opt journalists is a decades-old practice. Former KGB general Oleg Kalugin mentioned in his memoirs how his service had ìseveral good agentsî at the U.S. government-funded news service that broadcast to the Soviet Union, Radio Liberty, including the head of its Russian service, Oleg Tumanov . . . (via David Cole, OK, DXLD)

** SAO TOME. Recent recording (UT 0259 / 15 JAN) of 1530 VOA S„o TomÈ at sign-on. Man with announcement "This is the Voice of America, Washington, DC, signing on." then Yankee Doodle music; mostly over WCKY.
https://app.box.com/s/3h5ykp9zxyqd9ta3xkdou8385yemqqvi

A couple of days earlier I had the other end of VOA 1530's broadcast day. WJDM (NJ) sign-off announcement in English, mention of Cantico Nuevo program. VOA S„o TomÈ then is audible with its sign-off announcement right after. 13 JAN at 2200 UT / 5 p.m. EST.
https://app.box.com/s/x4orxy5sh633244vn0otgnmdz35ggjky

Receiver: Microtelecom Perseus
See http://microtelecom.it/perseus/
Antenna: Cardioid-pattern SuperLoop: 9m vert. by 20m horiz. (peak 90 deg., null 270 deg.) See
http://www.bamlog.com/superloop.htm
for similar antenna type (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, Cape Cod, MA, USA, (GC= 41.6931 N / 70.1912 W) (= 41 41.59' N / 70 11.47' W) (grid FN41vq), nrc-am gg via DXLD)

I get a kick out of those announcements. The guy who recorded them LONG ago is no longer with us - Frank Oliver. The U. S. Information Service is long gone as are 'cultural centers.' And the zip on the address given - 20547 - hasn't been used in decades. Oh well, it's not

like anybody's actually listening ... except us DXers. ;-) (Bill Whitacre, IBB Monitoring, Washington, DC, ibid.)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 9695.027, Jan 16 at 1441, OK modulation with music and talk, S6-S4, so it seems BSKSA has finally fixed the transmitter which had been blasting nothing but humbuzz for a long time; in fact, I think I ran across that yesterday or ante-yesterday but didn`t relog it. It`s the listed Pashtu service which I did log as humbuzz on Dec 29 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11745, Al-Azm Radio at 1458 in Arabic with a man with talk and Middle Eastern music bridge at 1459 and a man with a mention of ìAl-Azmî and a man with brief excited talk to 1500 and a man with possible news ñ Fair Jan 11 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

17615.066, Jan 11 at 1526, BSKSA with Qur`an, fair signal is the OSOB --- no RHC, no KVOH, and nothing on the other two Saudi frequencies, 17705, 17895, so hard to believe those two are really on the air. O, they aren`t supposed to be on after 1500, while 17615+ lasts until 1600; before 15 the trio are common (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15380, BSKSA at 1258 in Arabic with Middle Eastern male vocals ñ Good signal but awful hum on audio Jan 14 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. Radio Slovakia International about new QSL cards

In the "Feedback" section they told what topics in 2018 "International Radio of Slovakia" plans to issue QSL-cards. So, in the coming year, the republic will note several important dates, which will be devoted to verification cards.

"2018 will be special for us. 25 years of independence of the Slovak Republic, 25 years of broadcasting to Radio Slovakia International, 50 years to the Prague Spring and the 100th anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia in 1918. On this occasion, new cards will be issued for DXs, "the leading RSI reported on the air, answering my question. The signal Radio Slovakia International was first heard on January 4, 1993. In March, broadcasting services were created in English, German, French and Russian, and then in Spanish.

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the creation of Radio Slovakia International, a number of new materials, interviews and reports will be broadcast on the air, said Josefina Mikleova, editor-

in-chief of RSI ...

"International Radio of Slovakia" broadcasts daily on medium waves in Moscow and the Moscow region at a frequency of 738 kHz. The rubric on the letters of listeners "Feedback" goes on Sundays. (IR [initials not keyed], Rus-DX Jan 14, published early Jan 10, via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020, Jan 11 at 0725, SIBC is JBA at S6; JBM from 5025 Cuba helps a bit.

5020, Jan 14 at 1446, presumed SIBC at S6-S8, maybe trace of modulation. Seems they leave carrier on at least, all night, despite budget problems (Glenn Hauser, oK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Jan 14 - Today with modulation problems! Noted 1154 with decent level carrier, but no trace of any audio; random checking up till 1326 found the same; 1334-1418 noted with audio, playing mostly Pacific Islands pop songs, along with a few hit songs in English; believe was not the Wantok FM relay, as clearly there were no frequent IDs, plus the fact it was Sunday and in the past Wantok FM normally would play mostly religious songs; so I conclude this was SIBC's own programming running well past their normal 1200* sign off; checked again at 1525 and found the audio was again totally silent, but with a decent level carrier still on. As you indicate - strange behavior in light of their budget concerns (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DXLD)

5020, Jan 15 at 1353, no signal today from SIBC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. SOM¡LIA, 7120, R. Hargueisa, Hargueisa, Somalil,ndia, 1623-1649, 07/1, ·rabe, texto, canÁıes; 24442. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7120, R. Hargeisa. M announcer here very weakly at 1342. HoA music briefly and continuous talk. Some CW QRM on the high side. Checked at 1325 for English news but it was too weak and severe ham QRM. 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. ¡FRICA DO SUL, 3320 SAUK/R.Sonder Grense, Meyerton, *1758-1828, 05/1, afric,nder, m˙sica pop', ..., texto; 45444 (!).

9650 idem, 1727-1756*, 05/1, afric,nder, conto infantil, texto, entrevistas, m˙sica pop'; 45444. Nem traÁo da R. GuinÈ. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 17800, Jan 15 at 1932, African drumming and chanting, 1933 announcement; Fulani as sked this semihour from AWR, 250 kW due northwest from Meyerton, S9 making it the SSOB by far, above the only other signal on band, 17775-, KVOH at S5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AMERICA. N√O IDENTIFICADAS --- 6973, 2246-..., 08/1, castelhano argentino, texto, tangos; 15331. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AMERICA. Hi Glenn, There is yet another Latin American pirate being heard here in NAm, this one is on 6934.9 AM, some peaks to S6 at 2345 UTC here in MD. No ID on this one yet.
https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,39850.0.html
We've also been (faintly) hearing Radio Casa from Brazil evenings on 7999.7 AM. Glad I created the Latin American Pirate forum on the HFU now :) (Chris Smolinski, Black Cat Systems, Westminster, MD USA
http://www.blackcatsystems.com
2349 UT Jan 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ARGENTINA

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 3215, WWCR at 0815. Vintage Stair? I had a tough time deciding whether this was a very early recording of Stair, or another "huxter". A lot of ranting and raving in any event. Signal good steady on Satellit 750 and indoor wire. (Word to the wise: never ASSUME anything).

There was some lightning with a local storm last night, but I told my XYL Arizona winter storms always have could to cloud lightning, not the dangerous cloud to ground. On cue, there was a very close cloud-ground strike, promoting my tossing of feedlines left and right out the window. Jan. 10, Unless noted otherwise, equipment was Satellit 750 and outdoor Slinky, RS SW-2000629 and various outdoor wires. Listening from middle Arizona. 73 and Good Listening.....! -rb (Rick Barton, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5890, Jan 13 at 0636, WWCR still running TOM (are they getting paid??), and after appeal for $$, synthom introduces ``testimony`` of Allan Weiner about BS, the same extended excerpt from WBCQ`s `Allan Weiner Worldwide` we ran across once before on 5890 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 15390, Sat Jan 13 at 1518, REE is still very distorted here, and at times sounds like cross-talk from something else too; // weaker and clear 15500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Silly ball game live REE --- 15390 yes, much distorted audio quality,

this EUR nighttime dark, and 15500 kHz more 'clean' audio, live coverage of Spanish soccer football game, both S=9+10dB in Detroit Michigan remote, 1655 UT onwards. 73 de (wolfie 1704 UT Jan 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15390, REE at 1505 // 15500 (Fair to Good at best) in Spanish with an excited male with sports talk and a ìRadio Nacional de EspaÒaî network ID and into two men discussing football at 1506 ñ Excellent Jan 14 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

15390, Jan 15 at 1937, REE distorted as usual // 15500 which is weaker but not distorted. I have to wonder about occasional logs of 15390 not mentioning any distortion (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. Dear Glenn, FEBA via SLBC Trincomalle noted back on air from yesterday at 1330-1400 on 9775. The faulty tx was repaired. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, India, Jan 13, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. SUDVO, 7205, C.™ Sudanesa de R·dio e TV, Al Aitahab, 1605-1624, 07/1, ·rabe, notici·rio, texto; 34433, perÌodos em que o ·udio esteve francamente baixo, QRM do mesmo canal. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non] & SUDAN [non].
Reception of Radio Tamazuj on Jan 15
1429-1527 on 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic
1429-1527 on 15550 SMG 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf OC/dead air
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-tamazuj-on-jan15.html

Reception of Radio Dabanga on Jan 15
1527-1626 on 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic
1527-1626 on 15550 SMG 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Juba Arabic
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-radio-dabanga-on-jan15.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 14-15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAME. 4990 kHz Radio Apintie - Paramaribo / Suriname OM locution News from local Suriname, SINPO 24222, Day 20 December 2017 in 1007 UT
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hogiFlkzuo4

RX: Yaesu FRG 8800; Antenna: Beverage simples; DXer: (Daniel Wyllyans - SÌtio Estrela do Araguaia - Nova Xavantina - Mato Grosso - Brazil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo, 2322-2333, 04/1, holandÍs, texto; 25342. 73 ("Carlos L R de AssunÁ„o GonÁalves", SW coast of Portugal obs. 04-10 Jan., WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4989.98, R. Apintie, 0949 M talk in Sranan Tongo with mentions of September and Pakistani. Nice peaks at 0950:10 and 0950:50. Into canned announcements/ads at 0952, 1 with M shouting, and ID by M at 0953:05. 0954 people singing/shouting in unison like girls jumping rope. Faded and was very weak but got a ìR. Apintie, the happy stationî ID by W at 0955. 1004 apparent news sponsor ad, then M with news. Still had some audio at 1050 recheck, 13 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 7445, RTI at 1130. Checking the frequency, recognizing familiar voices of a couple of the announcers (Ellen Chu, Andrew Ryan), not able to follow a lot due to signal level. Fair-Jan. 13, Unless noted otherwise, equipment was Satellit 750 and outdoor Slinky, RS SW-2000629 and various outdoor wires. Listening from middle Arizona. 73 and Good Listening.....! -rb (Rick Barton, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 9625, Jan 15 at 2250, fair signal of open carrier, from what? CBC NQ reactivated? Ha2. I keep listening and finally at 2300 timesignal several seconds late, ID for RTI and opening 2-hour Thai broadcast. Aoki shows 100 kW, 225 degrees from Paochung; backward would be 45 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. Weak/fair signal of Voice of Tajik, Jan 10
1300-1400 on 7245 DB 100 kW / non-dir to CeAs English
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/weak-to-fair-signal-of-voice-of-tajik.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 9-10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reception of Voice of Tajik in English on Jan 15
1300-1400 on 7245 DB 100 kW / non-dir to CeAs English, good
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-voice-of-tajik-in-english.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 14-15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765, R. Tajikistan. Did a quick check and found W speaking in the apparent Tajik language at 1256. Wouldnít have been that bad of a signal if not for the awful CODAR 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4790, BBC. Signal already on at 1256. 1258 M with English with short 20 second ID and website announcement over music, and repeated about every 35 seconds. Apparent Uzbek program start at 1300. Didnít seem jammed by 1303 tune-out. But just getting hammered by CODAR 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD) See also CHINA

** TAJIKISTAN [and non]. 7480even, Dushanbe Yangi Yul TJK RFA in Uighur and later on heavy China mainland buzz jamming against RFA, at 0121 UT on Jan 10, S=9+30dB powerhouse, but like in December monitoring too: 14 x 100 Hertz apart distance visible BUZZ audio strings [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10 via DXLD)

I often notice this buzz, weak here (gh, OK, DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. TAJIKISTAN, Frequency change of Voice of Tibet, Jan 10
1300-1308 NF 11627 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11633
1308-1315 NF 11633 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11627
1315-1330 on 11627 DB 100 kW / 095 deg to EaAs Chinese no change
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/frequency-change-of-voice-of-tibet-jan10.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 9-10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE [non]. 7780, USA, Radio Ukraine International (via WRMI) at 0200 with a woman with ìThis is Ukrainian Radioî and a man with ID and news ñ Fair Jan 11 ñ New frequency ex-11580 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S or Ten-Tec Argonaut II and 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA iogroup via DXLD)

** U A E. KBS World Radio via BaBcoCk Al Dhabayya on Jan 10:
2000-2100 on 9840.1 DHA 250 kW / 285 deg to NEAf Arabic, fair
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-kbs-world-radio-via_5.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 10-11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Auntie`s War: the BBC during WWII - now online

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Posted by: (Mike Terry, Jan 15, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U K [non]. 7445, Jan 15 at 1947, very poor algo with yelling, then calmer talk, maybe a sporting report from BBCWS as sked 1600-2000, 250 kW due northwest from Talata-Volonondry, MADAGASCAR; and per Aoki/NDXC *jammed by the ChiCom way off from the azimuth and target area, but no jamming audible here. One of the earliest overseas signals to appear on this band at 1315 LMT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17830, ASCENSION ISLAND, BBC/WS at 1710 hours with current events program. Monitored on Grundig Satellit and outdoor Slinky, Good, Jan. 15, (Rick Barton, AZ, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ASCENSION ISL BBC London English as extended period 31 Dec to 25 March to Africa 17830 kHz 16-18 UT. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 9,

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1600-1700 on 17830 ASC 125 kW / 085 deg to CeAf English as scheduled
1700-1800 on 17830 ASC 125 kW / 085 deg to CeAf English, from Dec.31
(Ivo Ivanov, B`lgariya, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U K [and non]. HFCC database additional requests / prolongation
read in Jan 6 file --- Wednesday, January 10, 2018 9:56 AM

OMAN, BBC two Al Seela [sic] OMA broadcasts towards Iran
6195 16-17 UT Persian; 7405 15-17 UT English to West and Central Asia.

AUSTRIA/BULGARIA/MOLDOVA/U.K. - prolongation: More Persian service of
BBC London was requested from Dec 1st, but now requested again, as
extended period 01 Febr to 25 March, 0230-0330:
5930MOS ORS Moosbrunn,
6010SOF SPC-NURTS Sofia Kostinbrod,
6095WOF Babcock Woofferton,
7485GRI Radiotelecentr (PRTC) transmitter Grigoriopol Maiac.
73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRTH spells it A`Seela avoiding whether it`s Al Seela or As Seela (gh)

Additional frequencies of BBC WS via A'Seela & Ascension
1500-1600 on 7405 SLA 250 kW / 010 deg to CeAs English as scheduled
1600-1700 on 7405 SLA 250 kW / 010 deg to CeAs English, from Dec.25
1600-1700 on 17830 ASC 125 kW / 085 deg to CeAf English as scheduled
1700-1800 on 17830 ASC 125 kW / 085 deg to CeAf English, from Dec.31
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/additional-frequencies-of-bbc-world.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 10-11, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

OMAN/UZBEKISTAN - prolongation: More Persian service of BBC London as
extended period 01 Febr to 25 March
1500-1600 5875 TAC RRTM RED Telecom Tashkent Uzbekistan
          6195 OMA Babcock Al Seela.
(Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10, BCDX 16 Jan via DXLD)

** U S A. 1790-CW, Jan 14 at 0645, deep fades, but VVV heard on a
peak, and various other letters and numbers, including a complete
well-known ham call, K2ORS. Checked since Eric Loy, IL, had just
reported hearing this ex-WOR affiliate:

``Hi Glenn! At 0213 GMT 1-14-18, while tuning Web SDR at Sea Girt, NJ
http://k2sdr.homelinux.com:8073/
I decoded the CW broadcast of station WH2XDE/3 on 1790 kHz. It was a
loop mentioning the e-mail contact and the city of Wayland, MA, 70
watts and an Inverted L. Google shows this as an experimental station

that has been around for a while`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: MARYLAND, WH2XDE, 1790 kc/s, full-data K2ORS color cartoon caricature card with five experimental calls listed on back, this one checked, and power stated at 70 watts, CW mode and signed by Wayne for email report with request for a real QSL. Received in five days (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, All times/dates GMT, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Terry, Another report I had said this was in Wayland MA (Massachusetts). Is your card specific about the current 1790 location? I assume the /3 does not necessarily refer to the ham call area of that number. I did hear it too and should go for QSL (Glenn to Terry, via DXLD)

Card doesn't axually state the site. That's self-based on the FCC dB with my initial log. I have no idea what the /3 represents appended to the WH2XDE in some references. It's not appended to the calls on the checked-off box. Friendly and prompt response from "Wayne" and I'm sure he would appreciate a reception report from Okie.

I don't do e-QSLs though am happy to report reception via email to anyone if it helps in determining their signal reach. In fact if I get one snail mail QSL a year these days it's rare despite hundreds archived from the old days of listening (early 70's-early 90's when I mostly stopped). The other calls on the card, that can be checked, are: WD2XGJ, WD2XSH/23, WE2XEB/2, WE2XGR/1. WX2XDE is added on via an affixed label maker (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, All times/dates GMT, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13354-USB, Jan 15 at 1450, New York ATC YL contacting numerous TA flights, referring to secondary/backup 11396, and for some referring to Santa Maria (AÁores) frequencies. ``Sel-call coming up``, she says to many of them, then two tones. I assume the exact pitches of these tones denote each particular aircraft/flight. Are they not permanently in effect, reassigned on the fly? Still no New York Radio VOLMET on 13270-USB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13565, Jan 15 at 1438, 1.8-milliwatt K6FRC HIFER beacon in California is JBA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15740, Jan 11 at 1921, S9+20 of dead air is the SSOB, i.e. VOA GB warming up to jump and take over 15730 in French from 1930. Which has news with an echo, backscatter or longpath? Only other 19mb signal to rival it is 15140 RHC choking on Arabic.

15580, Fri Jan 12 around 2115, VOA `Music Time in Africa` VG with

something from Cameroon. I`m on the caradio, and don`t confirm the frequency, but surely it`s this only one from the memory. Yet later in the hour, I`m not hearing it, and at home on the R75, 15580 is a JBA carrier by 2145. Did this only 15580 hour from Greenville cut off the air early, or propagation drop out? An announcement as usual had failed to mention this very transmission of the show, which is by far our best chance to hear it, when it work (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1912 monitoring: a reminder that the first opportunity for SWLs to hear this new edition is Thursday January 11 at 2230.5 on WRMI 5850.

WORLD OF RADIO 1912 monitoring: confirmed this week`s first SW broadcast, Thursday January 11 at 2230.5 on WRMI, 5850; good with some fading. For once, I decide to listen to the whole thing; how will it go? Modulation OK except briefly at 2244-2245 some slight distortion, presumably a transmission problem. Signal is not so strong that all editing glitches can be heard. The guy sounds a bit better than usual, less of a ``monotone``. Probably because his larynx has been ``improved`` by phlegm. NOT confirmed UT Fri Jan 12 at 0030 on 9330v-CUSB, again no signal detectable from WBCQ. Next:

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Sat 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0729   HLR  6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1531   HLR  6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2030v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2300   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0200   WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0410v  WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130   HLR  9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v  WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430   WRMI 9955 to SSE, 9455 to WNW
Tue 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030   WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030   WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]
Tue 2130   WRMI 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]
Wed 0030   WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030   WRMI 9455 to NW [or #1913?]
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(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. Thanks to Mike Cooper, for noting new schedules for World Radio Network, via

http://babcock.media/world-radio-network/networks/
which show that WORLD OF RADIO is no longer carried at 1830 Saturdays to North America. Instead, 1700 Saturdays on all three streams. In addition, Sat 1000 to Europe only; UT Mon 0230 to all except Europe. I was too late to check it before 1730 this week. But indeed at 1830, the North American stream is amid the now Israeli hour. Access: http://babcock.media/world-radio-network/how-to-listen/

WORLD OF RADIO 1912 monitoring: not confirmed UT Saturday December 13 at 0045, the 0030 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB: no signal. Sat Dec 13 from 1531 via Hamburger Lokalradio, 6190-CUSB: tune in UTwente at 1540 and hear only two other languages mixing, Vietnamese from CRI Beijing site atop, and the other must be CNR8 Mongolian via Urumqi, East Turkistan. However, recheck at 1545, now I can hear me in the mix at the midpoint of WOR 1912; by 1556 WOR is even atop the others. Off at 1600 when some heavy ACI appears. Next:

Sat 2030v	WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230	WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2300	WRMI 7780 to NE [ex-11580!]
Sun 0200	WRMI 7780 to NE [ex-11580!]
Sun 0410v	WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130	HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030	WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v	WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430	WRMI 9955 to SSE, 9455 to WNW
Tue 0030	WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030	WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030	WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]
Tue 2130	WRMI 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]
Wed 0030	WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030	WRMI 9455 to NW [or #1913?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1912 monitoring: Alan Gale, England, also heard the Sat Jan 13 1531 on HLR 6190-CUSB, but opposite to the best reception at UTwente I already reported: ``Hi Glenn, A much stronger signal from HLR today, though the QRM from the other stations did start to come up a lot towards the end, and there was also some fading, but a definite improvement on recent weeks. I've attached a .mp3 file so you can hear how it sounded, this was in AM and not CUSB, which didn't sound any better on this occasion. 73, Alan``

Confirmed Saturday Jan 13 at 2257 check, the 2230 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB, fair --- as I took a break from the MLK celebration in downtown Enid, to check the PL-880 by the car. Did not stay out to confirm the Sat 2300 on WRMI 7780 replacing 11580, but 7780 was still in with fair signal at 2355. Confirmed UT Sunday Jan 14 at 0200 on WRMI 7780 ex-11580, S9 to S9+10. (R. Prague follows at 0230, now S9+20.) This frequency tends to have blob QRM from some local device, like a cable

box, but that`s only my problem. (It would be less of a problem if WRMI were on a 315 degree antenna with a much stronger signal on a 7 MHz channel.) Also confirmed UT Sun Jan 14 at 0429 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, Wentzville MO as I am talking about XEETCH which is 12 minutes in, so started circa 0417. Fair-good, and earlier check of 1860 at 0257 during ham news rated S9+20/30.

Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, reports: ``GERMANY, Reception of World of Radio via HLR on 9485 CUSB, Jan 14:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-world-of-radio-via-hlr-on.html
1131-1200 9485 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English Sun, weak signal``

Next:
Mon 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 9455 to WNW
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]
Tue 2130 WRMI 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]
Wed 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030 WRMI 9455 to NW [or #1913?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1912 monitoring: confirmed, JBA, UT Monday January 15 after 0030 on WBCQ, 9329.973-CUSB. Confirmed, UT Mon Jan 15 from 0403 on Area 15 webcast, and presumably at 0413 on WBCQ 5129.82 JBA carrier. Also confirmed UT Mon Jan 15 at 0430 on WRMI 9955 and 9455, both good. 9455 to WNW now duplicates 9955 to SSE at 0430-0500 among certain other slots. Next:
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]
Tue 2130 WRMI 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]
Wed 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030 WRMI 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1912 monitoring: confirmed UT Tue Jan 16 at 0030 on WRMI, 7730, S9+40, but somewhat distorted, not enough to tune out. Distortion also applied to Rudy ID before 0030, and to `Wavescan` before then, so this time I think WRMI transmitter has a problem.

WOR 1912 almost confirmed UT Tue Jan 16 at 0030 on WBCQ, 9329.96v-CUSB, JBA carrier not enough to be sure it`s I. Next:

Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]
Tue 2130 WRMI 9455 to WNW [or #1913?]
Wed 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW [or #1913?]

Wed 1030 WRMI 9455 to NW [or #1913?]

WORLD OF RADIO 1912 monitoring: confirmed Tuesday January 16 at 2030 on WRMI, very poor 7780, fair 9455. As I am finishing up the next WOR in time to start an hour later.

WORLD OF RADIO 1913 contents: Antarctica, Argentina non, Bahrain, Botswana, Brasil, Chile, China, Cuba, Denmark, Eritrea non [add credit for second item: Rich D`Angelo], Guam, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, International Internet & Vacuum, Korea North & South, Madagascar, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nigeria non, Papua New Guinea, Per˙, Romania, Russia, South Carolina non, Sri Lanka, Suriname, USA, Vatican non [WTFK? 7305!], Vietnam non, Zambia; and the propagation outlook

WORLD OF RADIO 1913 monitoring: confirmed first SW broadcast Tuesday January 16 at 2130 on WRMI, 9455, good, less than 10 minutes after completed. Not confirmed UT Wed Jan 17 at 0030 on WBCQ, no signal audible on 9330v-CUSB. Next:

Wed 1030 WRMI 9455 to WNW
Wed 2200 WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Thu 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Thu 2230.5 WRMI 5850 to NW
Fri 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0729 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1531 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2030v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 2300 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0200 WRMI 7780 to NE
Sun 0410v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130 HLR 9485-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0400v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0430 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 9455 to WNW
Tue 0030 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 2030 WRMI 7780 to NE, 9455 to WNW [or #1914?]

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(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Reminder that the Sat 2300 & Sun 0200 WORs on WRMI are now on 7780 instead of 11580; should be much better propagation especially for the later one. UT Monday 0430 not only on 9955 to SSE but also 9455 to WNW
(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5130, WBCQ with English "Lumpy Gravy Radio Show" OM Announcer and playing such classic hits as Tie Me Kangaroo Down & There's a fungus among us (Classics both!) etc. Also mention of TimTron Worldwide & other 'strange' chatter, but in a good way! WBCQ ID at ToH. Mention of the First Amendment Radio Transmitting Society (Spell it out; itís an AWFULLY good "Backronym" if you ask me!) Lots of strangeness but kind of like a car crash requiring extended listening! :)

Into Radio Free Euphoria at 0300. "Area 51" is always entertaining ;) 44544 with local noise. 0150-0310 7/Jan (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 12 Jan via DXLD)

9329.661, exact measured in CUSB mode, WBCQ S=6 in Florida post, 0556 UT [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX Topnews Jan 11, dxldyg via DXLD)

9329.648v-CUSB, Jan 11 at 0656, WBCQ with rock music, S4-S5 and no CCI from Cuban numbers station, one of its alternating nights off; no ToH ID, 0703 seguÈ.

9329.648-CUSB, Jan 11 at 1440, WBCQ playing ``William Tell Overture``, which means a back-episode of `Allan Weiner Worldwide` is starting. The Timtron is substituting this week, has found the microphonium, and conveniently announces the date as Sept. 1, 2017.

This frequency remeasured independently and got exactly the same Hz as 8 hours earlier. In case the replay is only one hour, recheck at 1540: ``WTO`` is playing again, which means another `AWW` episode is starting as the theme is only for openings. Try again at 1639, but too much local noise now to hear it. 9329.68 approx., Jan 11 at 1917, WBCQ is still on, but JBA.

9330v-CUSB, Jan 12 at 1800, still no signal from WBCQ test. Presumably it`s finished as implied by Allan on AWWW, see below.

7490-, UT Sat Jan 13 at 0045 check, poor signal from WBCQ but sounds like Allan Weiner, i.e. replay of last week`s `Worldwide` since `Fred Flintstone` has been canceled. I miss the first quarter of this week`s `Allan Weiner Worldwide`, which I have to listen to on webcast, starting about 0115. He has a bad cold, and frequently has to push the cough button. Welcomes a new show on station, ``FKB``, whatever that be and whenever that be (not on the website sked, always slow to catch up). 0122 gives date as 12th of December, YOOL 2018, oops. Says he has not been able to reach anyone who would know the current status of Brother Stair, hopes to have news by next week. Recommends certain Radio Shack SW receivers as durable, etc., good to have in case of EMP

ruining everything. Reads from a long article Kim Elliott sent about the EMP threat.

Refers to 9330 experiments the past week as propagation test with carrier reduced to 25% (I think he said). Was pleased to hear it in FLA day and night. Impression I get is that the experiment is finished, and it is no longer being heard here. One of the projects to be completed this summer is a 125-kW backup generator. Running out of time at 0158, he allows his benedixion to be interrupted by a phone call from Bermuda, and cut off by 0201.

Here`s John Carver`s version of the hour as heard in mid-North Indiana:

``No copy on 7490 this evening. Poor copy on 5130 this evening. Show started almost a minute late with Angela and Allan in the studio in FLA. Talk of a special tube he had to purchase to finish a project he was working on, then a talk about radios in general including the R390-A. Then talk, inspired by an email from Kim Andrew Elliot, about the possibility of an attack by North Korea and whether it would be a conventional warhead or an EMP blast and whether or not the transmitters at the station would survive such an attack. Then said he would try to find out what's going on with Brother Stair by next week's show. Says the state of the station is good and welcomes new programmers. Mentioned the round the clock experiments with 9330.

First phone call at 0135 is from Mr. Transistor, Norm, with news of a local hamfest tomorrow. Noise comes up at 0137 making it more difficult to copy. Allan is suffering from a bad cold and is making liberal use of the cough button. Another talk with Norm about portable radios and which ones might work after an EMP attack which is probably a moot point. Norm is off the phone at 0159 as Allan attempts to close out the show. Another phone call which is John from Bermuda but he doesn't get a chance to talk at all and transmitter cuts off at 0200 in the middle of a sentence of Allan's closing prayer`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Listening to TimTron on 5130 at the moment. Signal is only an S7 but is surprisingly loud and clear and a very good copy (John Carver, Mid-North Indiana, 0013 UT Jan 14, DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

9330.10v-CUSB, UT Sun Jan 14 at 0135, WBCQ is S5 with Blalock the Blaster. This is his daily hour, usually inaudible. Unusually, this is stronger than 9395 & 9455 WRMI, but weaker than 9265 WINB. In addition on Saturdays he`s heard at 23-24, yet to appear on the program schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5129.839, WBCQ unstable fq, hopping 3 Hertz up and down, S=6-7

fluttery noted in Florida at 0345 UT Jan 14. Log of Jan 14 at 0330 to 0345 UT, remote access to Florida US state [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 14 via DXLD)

** U S A. 9395 // 9455, Jan 12 at 0651, WRMI Oldies channels ending 5-minute VOA news relay which must have started at 0646.

7780, Jan 12 at 1900, WRMI on JBA carrier: now scheduled as a third frequency mid-day for Oldies along with 9395 before 1900, and 9455 before 2000 {not 2200 as in original post}. Any WRMI service at midday to America ought to be on 13 or 15 MHz; 13695 and 15440 once used for TOM would blast in here. By 2300, 7780 is carrying `Viva Miami`, ex-11580 scheduling (and 24 hours later should be World of Radio).

5850, Jan 12 at 2233, WRMI is not on yet, supposed to start at 2230, with a gospel huxter on Fridays; is on by next check 2259 in time for Tirana.

9395 & 9455, Fri Jan 12 at 2302, opening `Your Weekend Show`, this time axually at the start of a weekend. This scheduling cannot be found on the WRMI skedgrids, merely `Oldies` during this hour, without specifying otherstuff depending on day of week. Anyhow, Bob Biermann gets to divert to his soft-sell evangelism hour numerous times within.

9955, Fri Jan 12 at 2302, WRMI with the expanded `Noches con Mirka` show we`ve heard at least previous two weeks, lots of Cuban-American chat and some music, bumping PCJ Radio International which has been scheduled 23-24 Fridays for a longtime. Presumably that start at 2330, unchecked this week, and still for its full hour?

9455, Jan 13 at 1949, VOA news via Oldies channel of WRMI. Should also be on // 7780 now. 9395 has World Music fill instead of Argentina in German; 11530 African music, i.e. R Herwa International.

9395 // 7780, Sun Jan 14 at 1420, WRMI with `AWR Wavescan`, the secret airing now on this pair, since at 11-15, 9455 now duplicates 9955.

DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS has been updated about this and a few others: http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html

7780, fair Jan 15 at 2302, I find Allan Weiner now on WRMI --- the current `Viva Miami` has him as guest, virtually a monolog of Planet promotion, but Jeff interjects a few questions. Seems to be in person, as AW is visiting Okeechobee, maybe to round up some spare parts to repair his transmitter? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ARGENTINA [non]; NIGERIA [non]; WOR Monitoring

9455 // 9955, Tue Jan 16 at 1438, WRMI is replaying `Viva Miami` interview with Allan Weiner. (Mon/Wed/Thu/Sat it`s scheduled at 1445, only on Tue at 1430.) At the question of what he thinx of DRM? Maybe it will catch on in 5 years. Think he said a WBCQ unit is DRM-capable.

I continue to be amazed that not a single SW station inside the USA will even test DRM, or run it half an hour a week as a token. But Alokesh Gupta forwards news that KTWR GUAM is testing DRM toward India on Jan 17-18-19 at 0815-0845 on 17530, which means we won`t be hearing it in North America (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Allen Weiner talks about the transmitter fire on WRMI

I caught the end of this interview just after noon today. Allen Weiner was on WRMI being interviewed by the man who does the WRMI ID's (I think):

The transmitter that burned was the original WBCQ transmitter, a Harris, which was converted from MW use. A plastic assembly burned, fanned by the blowers. It spanned two assemblies. Because of being fanned by the blowers, the fire was incredibly hot. The problem was not with replacing the plastic parts, but with irreplaceable aluminum parts which melted due to the heat of the plastic fire. Finals tripped, saving them, but fire alarm never went off Happened early Sunday morning when unattended. Weiner discovered it and shut it down. (Which raises the possibility that he entered a room filled with hydrogen cyanide gas from the burning plastic). Sounds like the fire company was never called. Weiner put out the fire with a CO2 extinguisher. Some bits -- diode stacks -- were still burning when he wandered in. Things in the transmitter building are covered with black smoke debris and this is being cleaned. Power supplies are okay. I did not get a chance to record the interview (Ron Hunsicker, 1834 UT Jan 15, NASWA yg via DXLD)

No time or frequency. Obviously the current `Viva Miami` episode with Jeff White. AW has already told this story several times on WBCQ itself. VM will air multiple times more as in the schedule: http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html

I listened again to it Jan 17 at 1445 on 9955; among other things he says that WBCQ tells its listeners ``everything`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WRMI: see also ALBANIA [non]; ARGENTINA [non]; NIGERIA [non]; SLOVAKIA [non]

** U S A. 5830, Jan 11 at 0719, no signal from WTWW-1, nor on 9475 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9475, Jan 14 at 0140, WTWW-1 is VP here, still on day frequency, not yet on 5830 night frequency. Stations *really* concerned about getting their signals heard, especially with flexible QSY times, would monitor current propagation conditions and act accordingly --- FAR too much trouble (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 17775-, Jan 11 at 1920, not even a JBA carrier from KVOH which is supposed to be on past 1900 today. In fact, the entire 16m band is dead. Only 17640 MWV Madagascar might have been making it before 19 and after 20.

17775, Fri Jan 12 at 1800 and still at 1900, JBA carrier, which I suppose must be KVOH.

17774.891v, Jan 15 at 1550, KVOH up from usual 17774.888, S7-S9 poor signal, but much better than JBA carrier sometimes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Atlantic 2000 via WINB imminent
[to the dxldyg, repeating an earlier post, at 2046 UT January 14]:

Atlantic 2000 International
<atlantic2000international@gmail.com>
10 de enero de 2018 11:22:38 a. m.

Special broadcast this Sunday --- Atlantic 2000 will be on the air this Sunday 14th of January, with a special broadcast transmitted from Red Lion in the USA via WINB. We will be on the air from 2100 to 2200 UT on 9265 kHz with a power of 50 kW. Our webstream will be active at the same time:
http://radioatlantic2000.free.fr
Reports to : atlantic2000international@gmail.com
Good listening ! -- Visit our website :
http://radioatlantic2000.free.fr
(via Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1912, DXLD)

Manuel and I want to make sure everyone be reminded of this.
WINB also has a Listen Live player of its own on homepage
http://winb.com/
But so far is playing silently, altho 9265 is poorly audible (Glenn, 2052 UT, ibid.)

WINB player remained silent, but A2000`s own player worked fine, so I listen there for a few minutes, multilingual announcements in main European languages only, starting with French. First a nice ``Happy New Year`` song in English, then various pop tunes of the 70s/80s apparently. Not clear to me how special all these are? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Barely detectable audio here at 2100. nothing much to hear right now. Guinea on 9650 is putting in a very good signal this afternoon. (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., Perseus SDR, 20 x 40 terminated superloop antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9265 in French doing well here at 2100. English ID at 2106. Log periodic and Perseus, near Lamont Alberta CANADA (Don Moman, ibid.)

WINB has an acceptable signal (55 dBµ) in SW Michigan for the Atlantic 2000 broadcast with some short fades. Listening with the Tecsun PL880 with a Wellbrook ALA1530LN loop. 73, (Andy Robins, Kalamazoo, Michigan USA, 2109 UT, ibid.)

Fair signal with deep fades at times here in New Brunswick with an Eton Grundig Edition Field BT with just its whip antenna indoors. WINB was better earlier in the afternoon (Richard Langley, 2130 UT, ibid.)

WINB & Atlantic 2000 at 85 dbu here in Fallbrook; fair signal but tough to follow announcements. Even my "Shazam" App on iPhone cannot ID the music due to fading and weak signal ?? (Bruce Churchill, CA, 2203 UT, ibid.)

Recheck here at 2234 shows them to be fairly good on the log but considerably weaker on the Wellbrook. Religious program now. The log periodic was in use somewhere else during the last 45 minutes but is now back on the 8023 Perseus remote (Don Moman, ibid.)

Re: [dxld] Atlantic 2000 via WINB imminent [att for DXLD yg members]
1 Files 4 MB MP3
RadioAtlantique2000International-9.265MHz-14January2017-2100UTC-clip.mp3

Overall, reception of the program in NB (on the backside of the antenna beam) turned out to be marginal. The signal was frequently at listenable levels (and strong enough to hear the transmitter hum at times) but dropped into the noise for minutes on end. The program of nostalgic "oldies" was accompanied by music introductions in French and there were a few announcements in English and German as well. Attached is a clip from my recording towards the end of the program for those getting individual postings (Richard Langley, Jan 16, dxldyg via DXLD) See also FRANCE [non]

** U S A. 5970, Jan 15 at 1349, WEWN, Radio CatÛlica Mundial with dead air except for rustling, coughing, during live morning mass in English, while the only axion is visual, not good for radio; finally says something in English, interrupted by voice-over in Spanish, but it`s *not* a translation of what was just said; out of synch,

automated, or not paying attention, own agenda for order of the mass? Soon switches to studio Spanish only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3215, Tue Jan 16 at 0021 and 0042 chex, no signal from WWRB when it used to be on UT Sun-Mon-Tue. Besides turning off 9370 & 3185 to be rid of Brother Scare, seems the other transmitter is also silent, 3215 before WWCR comes on there at 0200 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15555/USB, (FL - Milton), WJHR at 2030. Man with religious lecture, Fair - Good on peaks, Jan. 14 (Rick Barton, AZ, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Seldom detected on routine bandscans here; irregular? (gh, OK, DXLD)

** U S A. WMFN 640 update --- Since coming on the air on Oct 17th of last year, with the exception of the first few days of various flavors of music, it has been non stop Mexican music. ID's were four times per hour.

I have been spot checking their programming and today noticed a big change. They are airing WMJH 95.3 FM and 810 AM. Noted several spots for businesses in Michigan. All in Spanish.

English ID's, WMFN AM 640, Peotone/Chicago are still mentioned along with "...we have a few good hours of air time available...". So, finally after almost 2 1/2 months of non-stop music now there is news and ads (Tom Jasinski, Joliet, IL - 20 miles from their Xmtr site, Jan 10, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. WNYC CHIEF PUSHED GROWTH AT THE COST OF STATIONíS CULTURE
By DAVID W. CHENDEC. 22, 2017

Photo: Laura Walker, the president and chief executive of New York Public Radio, has built a public radio powerhouse, with a $100 million annual budget. Credit Chester Higgins Jr./The New York Times

When Laura R. Walker, the president and chief executive of New York Public Radio, addressed the crowd at an open WNYC board meeting last week, she said she was ìprofoundly pained and sorryî about managementís handling of alleged inappropriate conduct by several on-air stars.

ìFor the last several years, I think weíve prioritized growth, and content and programming, over investment in some of the processes and people,î she said.

To the many employees in the room, the ìweî was clear: Ms. Walker, who

for more than 20 years has been the public face of the station, and Dean Cappello, her little-known deputy and WNYCís chief content officer.

ìThe two of them are like Siamese twins ó they have been doing this, united, for a long time,î said Bob Hennelly, a former WNYC reporter, who recently wrote about his frustrations with the stationís management. ìIf you got Laura alone, sheíd say, what does Dean think? And if you got Dean alone, heíd say, what did Laura say?î

Together, they have transformed a beloved local treasure into a national radio and podcasting colossus. But in recent weeks, accusations of harassment and bullying were leveled at three of the stationís stars, including John Hockenberry, who retired in August as the host of ìThe Takeaway.î

Longtime hosts Leonard Lopate and Jonathan Schwartz were fired on Thursday after an investigation found they had violated standards of workplace conduct. The station has hired a law firm and a consultant to review hiring and diversity practices, while numerous employees have aired grievances at recent meetings, and are speculating that either Ms. Walker or Mr. Cappello, or both, could also lose their jobs. . .
https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/22/nyregion/wnyc-chief-laura-walker-firing-hosts-misconduct.html
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. 840, Jan 12 at 1400 UT, KTIC ID with temp minus 4, and ``Classic Country 98.3`` with translator call I don`t copy; NRC AM Log had it as K252EG West Point NE and slogan as ``Rural Radio``. The latter applies to a bunch of Nebraska stations including KRVN 880
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 980, KICA, Clovis, NM, now silent (Broadcasting Information, IRCA DX Monitor Jan 20 published Jan 16 via DXLD)

** U S A. WCAZ-990 --- Here`s what`s on the WCAZ web site:

``Welcome To the Former WCAZ AM 990 Website. You can still reach the Stream of high school sports now overseen by Thesportsyex

WCAZ AM 990 Is Now off the air !!!! It signed off on December 31st 2017. You will still be able to hear live streamed sports C/O TheSportsyex on this site at various times !!!!!``
(via Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, Jan 13, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. 1020, WHDD, Sharon, CT, was silent, now National Public Radio, news/talk and classic[al?], adds slogan: ìRobin Hood Radioî

(Broadcasting Information, IRCA DX Monitor Jan 20 published Jan 16 via DXLD)

** U S A. 1090, KMXA, CO, Aurora ñ Format to SS:MEX (ex - SS:CHR); slogan to "La Suavecita," adds // KJMN - 92.1 (AM Log update, NRC DX News Jan 22, published Jan 14, via DXLD

** U S A. Re 1160 WCXI Fenton MI: I did a quick AM query in the FCC database and it looks like WCXI is also about to move. They have a construction permit to move to a site a couple miles North of I-96 in Oakland county about half way between Milford and Wixom roads. There is currently an open field at that location with a county park adjacent. Since the photo is old I suspect there are towers there at the moment.

Upon moving, WCXI would go to 15 kW daytime power (using 3 towers of a 4 tower array with the major lobe ENE from the transmitter site) and 215 W nighttime power (2 towers driven with a squashed lobe covering a wide azimuth centered approximately East with lobes to the North and South. Looks like the target audience for the station will be Northern Oakland County (Bloomfield Hills).

Birach was denied a full renewal of their WCXI licence by the FCC in May of 2016 due to numerous violations of FCC rules. They were given a 2 year extension that expires in May of this year (2018). Several of the issues had to do with the maintenance and security of their transmitter site in Fenton. It appears that they intend to remedy the problem by moving the transmitter to the vicinity of Wixom MI and diplex another troubled AM they own (WPON) into a common group of towers.

The text of their renewal stated: (FCC is not exactly fans of Birach)

The record here further indicates that Birach's willful and repeated violations at the Station, when considered together, constitutes a pattern of abuse over a period of years by Birach at the Station.

'However, we find that Birach's violations of the Act and the Rules do not rise to such a level that designation for evidentiary hearing on the issue of whether to deny renewal for the Station is warranted. Importantly, Birach has represented in its amended application that the station now complies with the Rules [end FCC quotation here???]

Subsequently to their renewal, Birach filed for a construction permit to move the WCXI the site in Wixom MI where they already had a CP to move WPON with a power increase and day/night directional pattern. It was requested in November 2016 and granted in February 2017. This is further complicated by the fact that two years earlier Birach applied

to move WPON 1460 currently located near Pontiac to the same site. They plan to diplex the two transmitters into a 4 tower array using some towers for both stations and others energized with only WPON or WCXI. The WPON CP was issued in may of 2015 and expires this coming May. WPON in recent times has been silent for several extended periods of time.

It would appear that Birach is approaching a "crunch point" with both stations --- Either sh*t or get off the pot. The technical challenge of integrating the two transmitters without any InterMmodulation (IM mixing products) products that could cause harmful interference to other stations or out of band is not trivial. Any corroded joint or poor ground or tower section connection could become an un-intentional mixer causing Passive InterModulation (PIM) products.

Based on what is going on with Birach, I suspect they are nearing completion with the WPON move and are doing testing running the WCXI signal from the new site during the day or possibly moving the transmitter if they plan to re-use it.

As I said, Birach has a checkered history with the FCC, so this is not surprising (Paul Dobosz, MARE Tipsheet 12 Jan via DXLD)

[WCXI heard running oldies 1/9.] {by whom??}

Larry Russell: WPON Walled Lake MI ìUpdateî;
http://www.mibuzzboard.com/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=45407
(via MARE Tipsheet 12 Jan via DXLD

** U S A. 1210, Jan 12 at 1405 UT, Huron ads following ABC News, i.e. KOKK in SD; temps -5 F, windchill -24. Over KGYN OK easily nulled (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1240.105, GEORGIA, WPAX, Thomasville. 1229 January 15, 2018. Tuning across, male ",,, right here in beautiful downtown Thomasville..." into CBS News at 1230, then choral "America the Beautiful" 1233-1236, brief inspirational words, ID, into 40's era Nostalgia vocals. Way off frequency. (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, All times/dates GMT, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Thread: Whatís going on with KYND? [1520 Cypress/Houston TX]
https://www.radiodiscussions.com/showthread.php?707148-What%92s-going-on-with-KYND

12-30-2017, 08:43 PM #1 Mediafrog+
Noiticed at several checks today and yesterday that KYND is transmitting dead air. Late in the afternoon I could hear KOKC underneath the open carrier. Wonder if they are any closer to finding

someone to lease time?

12-31-2017, 12:22 PM #2 Mediafrog+
KYND is still dead air as of Sunday morning.

01-01-2018, 01:01 PM #3 Mediafrog+
Monday: Dead air earlier this morning, completely off the air at 11 am

01-01-2018, 06:33 PM #4 AnyHuman
Finding a renter, I guess; Let's wait for Bill Turner to update though

01-10-2018, 04:31 PM #5 nash
What`s the problem with KYND --- why won't the station owners make that station work for themselves? What`s their problem? If they are not interested broadcasters, sell the station to someone that is interested in making the station what it was intended in the first place --- "entertain" the public, play good music. If they need a programer, let me know. I have a killer bilingual Spanish music program ready to go on the air now 14/7 [sic], nothing like what the monopoly stations play. This is Texas. Let`s entertain Texans, "Tejanos". Hope Mr. Turner will read this post; together we'll make this a station worth listening.
Last edited by nash; 01-10-2018 at 04:52 PM.

01-10-2018, 05:22 PM #6 b-turner
Well, Nash, call me. I'll lease you the station. If you've got something, based on your comments, you've heard the 90 second loop and if you heard the loop 5 minutes, the phone number in stuck in your head. The best way to answer your questions is to call. I'm waiting by the phone.

01-10-2018, 11:35 PM #7 LDM
You have to put up the cash. Everyone has the magic format that could make so much money. Good luck to KYND.

01-11-2018, 01:28 AM #8 BamaTX
Not that I'm a player for purchase, but out of curiosity, would you ever consider selling the station or are you just leasing?

01-11-2018, 01:44 AM #9 BamaTX
Seeing how Houston has lost two Spanish language formats in 2017, this is a risk. Tejano seems to have died off in the late 90s. It could become a strong niche if done right. Not a ratings killer, but with the right salespeople you could be on to something.

01-11-2018, 02:24 AM #10 b-turner Location Houston, Texas
Let me address a few things...

Our 'silence' issue, we think, was power spikes shutting off the audio. It wouldn't reset, so somebody had to drive out and manually do this. It was so frustrating that you'd drive out, restart it and by the time you got back home, it was off again. It's resolved. At least we weren't having a client we had to credit for lost airtime! We believe we nipped that on in the bud. At least it hasn't happened again.

I'm on now 8 to 4:30 [1400-2230 UT]. By cutting 1.5 hours, we save around $300+ in electricity.

What's our problem? Try no income since September. Compare that personally to yourself: Imagine no job, no income for months on end but all of the ordinary monthly bills like rent, car, food, electricity, etc. coming month after month. Running the 90 second plea is akin to job hunting. Running a format is like deciding to play video games all day instead of looking for a job. What would you be doing?

Why don't we make the station work for us? Not sure what that means. I field calls every day. Nobody has signed on the dotted line yet. It will work for us once we find that next qualified client.

``If we're not interested broadcasters, sell the station``. You have no clue. I took your comment to be rather mean spirited and written by someone who does not understand our situation. If you did, I doubt you would have written that. It usually takes a couple of years to sell a station from the time the decision is made to sell it. That's not always the case. It could be less time or more time. I've known of stations selling in months and some that have been trying to find a buyer for years.

We were intended to 'entertain' the public? What? To quote a friend, "Are you high?" There's no rule a station has to entertain. The FCC makes no rules about programming in general. Not every station is an entertainment station.

I'm still waiting for you call to lease the station to you so you can run the format that will make us worth listening to. Just pick up the phone. I suspect since you posted this you might not have your ducks in a row to sign a contract. The person that typically does says nothing about their plans publicly, fearing someone might one-up them but calls the station they want to lease. Confidentiality is part of what I do, so I won't say what's coming or who I'm talking to. I could be very wrong about you. Nobody is doing a Texas oriented format in Houston. I've wondered why.

So, if you'd been sustaining a radio station for about 5 months,

watching the bank account bleed dry, just what investment would you make with the remaining few dollars? A format, additional payroll and a good 2 or 3 years more of losing money before you can break even? Or would you keep saying you are for lease and fielding calls spending as little as you can? We run through the average Houston annual per capita income in about 4 weeks. And that's bare bones. Imagine how much fun that is.

01-11-2018, 08:41 AM #11 ChuckTiller
KYND has a great signal, with its 25KW which covers Houston and its surrounding areas, very well. If you have the means, it would be money well spent. Remember, if you do, you have to promote it. It takes more than the rent to make it successful. Rent it and promote it. How? Billboards come to mind, a Facebook page, cable TV ads if you can afford it. Of course, it goes without saying, you need an aggressive sales person.

Operations Manager, Salem Radio Houston: AM1070, THE ANSWER KNTH, Business 1110 KTEK and; 100.7 The Word KKHT, Houston.

01-11-2018, 02:32 PM #12 b-turner
Thank you for the kind words, Chuck. I believe we do have a good signal, nice facility and best of all, a low overhead.

When a station like ours is available, it is almost as if the stars have to align to find the next client. A group looking for a Houston signal is part of a very small number nationwide. This small group is typically not saying they need a station. Typically you find the client through a broker or via an introduction. Unlike advertising sales where you can target the business and visit them, a client leasing a station is not known. In addition, if they were looking 6 months ago, they're likely not looking today. It can take a long time for everything to fall together. In fact, even once you find that client, you still might be 60 to 90 days out while they prepare to enter the market.

If you do it right, you find that sweet spot or win-win situation where the client and station become like a cohesive team for the client's success. A true pro knows the station wants the client's success because that success means the station's success. Likewise the station knows creating the environment or situation where the client flourishes is the goal. It's certainly not an us and them but an us and us (radiodiscussions.com via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. 1600, FLORIDA, WNTF, Winter Garden. 2140 January 14, 2018. "I Want To Be Wanted (Per Tutta la Vita)" by Brenda Lee, "A Million To One" by Jimmy Charles, Mickey & Sylvia "Love Is Strange", Lee Andrews & the Hearts "Lonely Lonely Nights" and other Oldies and Doo-wop,

several commercials for Orlando stores. Co-channel presumed WPOM in Haitian kreyol, WAOS in Mexi-Spanish. Calls recently flipped with WLAA on 1580 kc/s which remains Mexi-Spanish. Parallel station's website stream. Website states slogan is Urban Talk Radio 1600. (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, All times/dates GMT, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1710 kHz, Jan 12 at 0706 UT, soft strumming guitar music, some pirate other than B,ton Rouge LA? 0710 UT announcement sounds like Spanish, and I hear a ``siete`` mentioned, perhaps referring to their FM frequency (not really busted and off?). By 0718 UT voice changes to something more strident, which would be the usual gospel huxter from Radio RetÈn lo que Tienes. Certainly holding on to what they`ve got, legal or not (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: UNID-1710 from the Border Inn --- I totally forgot that there is a TIS on 1710 at Bandelier National Monument near Los Alamos, NM. I bet that's who this is. Time to listen to some more recordings. 73 (Tim Hall, CA, Jan 9, ABDX via DXLD)

I didn't know about this. Hopefully it can make it here to IL (Neil Kazaross, ibid.)

Confirmed the existence of this station on the park's FB page. Probably a full 10w TIS? Search on "AM 1710" here: https://www.facebook.com/pg/BandelierNPS/posts/

Now I just need to find an ID on my recordings. Thankfully I recorded a lot on that wire (Tim, Jan 9, ibid.)

Got it! The attached recording is a loop of the announcer saying "historic Bandelier National Monument." I set the Perseus to repeat a few seconds over and over. I bet other DXers in the west will be able to hear this. 73 (Tim Hall, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD)

** U S A. 1790 kHz. See top of U S A department as it`s utility

** U S A. PASSPORT RADIO: 1810/AM, 0021-0031+, 1/11; Oldies, ìPassport Radio on 14-90 & 93.5î. SIO=343 w/CW splash; audio very skippy. Apparently a relay of WKYW Frankfort KY. Tnx to Jtart tip on the Free Radio Net (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Drake R8B + 185í RW (& no computer! [sic], MARE Tipsheet 12 Jan via DXLD)

Forwarded conversation --- Subject: Topband: WKYW on 1810 kc
[Don Moman forwarded this thread from the Topband reflector, Jan 10]

Is anyone copying a AMBC stn around 1810kc. They are 30db over S9

here. The sig was cutting in and out but for last few minutes. has
been on full time. Did hear them mention '1490' and Frankfort KY. Web
info comes back to WKYW. Heard them yesterday as well. Tnx de Bill
K4JYS Stewart, Near Smithfield, NC

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Topband Reflector Archives - http://www.contesting.com/_ topband

Just heard them ID as WKYW (Stewart, a few minutes later, ibid.)

Yes, hearing them at my QTH on my SE Beverage, carrier running 15 to
25 dB above my noise floor (Lloyd - N9LB near Madison, WI grid
EN52HV, ibid.)

Yep. Cyclic there and not there. Then solid for a bit, then
intermittent again. Definitely got something ìlooseî going on there.
Omni R/T antenna. 10 to 20 over. tnx (Mike / W5JR, Alpharetta GA (near
Atlanta), sent via my HP95LX, ibid.)

S9+10 here in SW MO, on my NE Beverage. Signal pulsing on and off,
mostly. What frequency are they supposed to be on? I want to see what
they sound like on their assigned carrier freq. As I send this, it's
not pulsing. 73, (Mike Waters, http://www.w0btu.com ibid.)

I just sent them an email. Maybe others can also. Boy, whatever
problem they have results in a good 160m signal. Tnx all for replies.
(Bill K4JYS Stewart, ibid.)

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mostly. What frequency are they supposed to be on? I want to see what
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] ibid.) 1490 khz in Frankfort KY (Mike Waters,

Somebody needs to give them a phone call. 73, (Mike, ibid.)

Yeah but, do they QSL? (Wes Stewart, N7WS, ibid.)

Let`s light up those phones...

WKYW-AM 1490 kHz Frankfort, Kentucky
"Passport Radio 1490" Station Format: Oldies
Phone: 502-875-1130 (Lloyd, ibid.)

S 5 or so here in Georgia (Hal/WB4AEG Dale, ibid.)

James Brown doing "Please, Please, Please, Please". S-9 to 10 db over
about 30 miles south of Wheeling WV. 73, (Dave K8MN Heil, Cameron, WV,
ibid.)

Topband, I have been hearing the same thing on my BOG pointing at Bouvet. I'm in semi Northern Iowa I can hear the most of the day since I put the antenna up. Oldies on 1.810 with a hiccup every couple of seconds (Stephen Hawkins NG0G ng0g@arrl.net 73 49 111 01001001, ibid.)

No answer after 1 or 2 minutes. What's the FCC's phone number? (Just joking ;-) (Lloyd N9LB, ibid.)

The pulsing might be a high-SWR-cutout safety circuit from an antenna or feedline issue. 73, (Mike ibid.)

30 miles west of NYC, their carrier is S9 plus 25 dB with music faintly audible. This on an inverted L (Charles, W2SH, Moizeau, ibid.)

(all via Don Moman, Jan 10, DXLD) And now the IRCA thread on it:

Subject: [IRCA] WKYW, 1490 Khz

IRCA or anyone, Does anyone know the engineer at WKYW, 1490 kHz. They are loud on 1.810 and should not be. They are being reported from all over (Stephen Hawkins NG0G, 0046 UT Jan 11, IRCA via DXLD)

Been listening for the last 5 minutes on a remote SDR based about a half hour south of Indianapolis, where this thing on 1810 should easily be audible if it was on. Not hearing a thing, so my surmise is that the engineer got to the station and fixed it sometime within the past 90 minutes. 73, (Rick Dau, on the Edinburgh, Indiana SDR, 0235 UT Jan 11, ibid.)

IRCA, A fellow 160m DX chaser was able to contact the station owner and they got the problem fixed during the night. Signal is gone this morning. They appear to be a nice oldies station. Just did not want to hear them on 160m (Steve Hawkins, NG0G, Jan 11, IRCA via DXLD)

WKYW 1810 matter summarized briefly on WORLD OF RADIO 1913 (gh)

** U S A. 101.1 MHz, FLORIDA W266CW, Tampa. 2210 January 13, 2018. Back on after about a year off during WTIS 1110 kc/s silent period, and translator relocated from St Petersburg to downtown Tampa though probably still listed as St Petersburg in the FCC dB, as COL on translators don't often seem to move when the translators do for some reason. Noted a promo for "... now on 101.1. and 1110... call us at 813-321-7850..." and indeed audible even from the Clearwater house. The 1110 kc/s pulled the plug at 2301 (daytime-only operation) while the translator continued. Is a translator permitted to remain active when the primary is off?

https://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/florida-low-power-radio-stations
(Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, All times/dates GMT, IC-R75, NRD-535, longwires, active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION HAS PLAYED CAT-AND-MOUSE WITH BOULDER COUNTY'S RADIO PIRATES FOR YEARS.

An online FCC database lists 32 enforcement actions against unlicensed radio operators in Colorado since 2005. Twenty of those occurred in Boulder alone. But they all were notices of unauthorized operation ó basically written warnings telling unlicensed broadcasters to knock it off. Things get far more serious when the FCC pursues forfeiture orders against repeat offenders; those carry a $10,000 base penalty that can increase by $19,639 a day, up to $147,290, for ongoing violations. An extensive article here:

PIRATE RADIO RAISES ITS FLAG IN LONGMONT ó AND DRAWS HIGH-LEVEL FCC ATTENTION --- FCC commissioner scolds online news site for 'tacit support' of unlicensed signal
By Matt Sebastian Staff Writer
Posted: 01/11/2018 11:46:10 AM MST | Updated: 2 days ago

http://www.timescall.com/ci_31586244/longmont-pirate-radio-fcc-response

[excerpt mentioning some station names, calls --- what`s with these K-calls, how unimaginative ---gh]

'New pirate in town'

It's not clear when KROC first joined Longmont's airwaves, though it drew notice on Reddit on Dec. 3 via a post from someone identifying himself as monkkbfr, the founder of the area's most famous pirate station, Boulder Free Radio. "There's a new pirate in town (not me!) at 106.5fm," he wrote.

The Longmont pirates were simulcasting Boulder's Green Light Radio, a long-running underground ó and very free-form ó station that broadcasts all variety of music online and over the air at KGLR 93.1 FM.

KGLR is part of the Colorado Community Radio Network, an umbrella organization formed in 2013 that included three other unlicensed signals in Boulder County: Nederland's KNED 93.1 FM, Ward's KWHR 90.5 FM and Boulder Free Radio, KBFR 95.3 FM. The network allows the under-the-radar broadcasters to support each other and share programming...
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. Where's the (W)FUN in this?! Here is a screenshot of WFUN-LD

48 that has been like this continuously I would say for 1 month now.

[Good DTV signal level indicated, but black screen only]

I emailed parent AmericaTeVe (owner also of WJAN 41) weeks ago, to ask them to shut this thing off. If they don't care for DXers, at least they can save on their own electric bill, n'est-ce pas?

This reminds me --- if the cartoon character Pepe le Pew saw this, he would say something like, "pitiful, is it not?", and to the TV DXer, just like Pepe, this stinks. cd

Attached Thumbnails Click image for larger version. Name: image.jpg Views: 26 Size: 1.22 MB ID: 21263 (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, Jan 14, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Looks like the link between their studio & transmitter isn't working. Be grateful it's just a month: we had a LP here in Nashville that broadcast nothing but unID color bars for at least two years (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, http://www.w9wi.com Jan 14, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

OK, well there is always a reason. WFUN serves the areas in Miami & South Broward that WJAN cannot reach down south. I just wonder how many complaints AmericaTeVe has received. I drive by their studios in Hialeah Gardens on the way to my work. c d (Chris Dunne, ibid.)

Probably just yours. :/ The TVs at home simply ignore stations without subchannels, or delete them if they were earlier scanned in. The muggles never know a station is there, just us DXers.

FL Power & Light is certainly having (W)FUN billing them. Of course I'm sure the owners would tell you all about how broke they are, even as they blatantly throw money away. I don't have a business degree, so I don't know why that's smart. Even if it's to keep the license they'd only need to flip on the transmitter for one day a year. There was an -LP in NY in the 90s that did that (Ryan Grabow, Fort Myers, ibid.)

Hmm; FWIW, 48 might be returning. Tonight I see a similar image on screen to what's in the OP, with two exceptions:
(1) PSIP on 48-1 "ATV" hath returned;
(2) the 48-2 channel, also with black screen, is back with PSIP "TVEO"

All that being said, playing with the Insignia remote, going back to Channel Edit from the 48's, even though the "48" on the box was in black, meaning it should now be stored, neither 48-1 nor -2 show on the list! It goes back to 45-5 "SALSA". I must be doing something wrong. Not that I care much.... cd (Dunne, ibid.)

** VATICAN. Vatican News in English is well here most days at 1715-1730 on 9700 kHz. Also Vatican Radio English to Africa at 1630-1700 on 11625 via Madagascar (Dave Kenny, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

9645, Vatican R. 0940-1030* special program for Orthodox Christmas with MOR religious-sounding music and M with short announcements in Ukrainian after about every third song, once at 1006. Went off at 1030 with out any announcements. Thought it might be Bandeirantes returning at first. Tnx Wolfgang Bueschel and Ivo Ivanov 7 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

[non]. 9600, PHILIPPINES, Vatican Radio at 2330 with woman in monologue listed in Vietnamese. Familiar Vatican tuning signal at 2357, then off (note: there was a reported name change to Vatican News, but I have not yet heard the new ID over the air). Very Good Jan. 13. Unless noted otherwise, equipment was Satellit 750 and outdoor Slinky, RS SW-2000629 and various outdoor wires. Listening from middle Arizona. 73 and Good Listening.....! -rb (Rick Barton, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Which site? Aoki shows 2315-2400 Viet is via RVA Palauig-Zambales; but 9600 at 2200-2230 in Chinese is violating Separation of Church and State, via USG`s Tinang relay (gh, DXLD)

PHILIPPINES, Vatican Radio via IBB Tinang, Jan 15
1230-1300 on 7330 PHT 250 kW / 332 deg to FERu Russian
1230-1300 on 9695 PHT 250 kW / 332 deg to FERu Russian
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-vatican-radio-via-ibb.html
(Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 14-15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7305, Jan 14 at 0138, S9+30 open carrier, i.e. Greenville warming up for the Vatican relay in Spanish at 0145-0230 --- but recheck at 0202, it`s off; what happened? No longer violating Separation of Church and State? Need also to check the 1230-1300 on 9610.

7305, Jan 15 at 0157, no signal from Greenville B, which had been relaying VR in Spanish at 0145-0230 (and carrier on as early as 0130, which is all I heard last night). So have VR via IBB relays been canceled? What about 1230-1300 on 9610 via GB?

There were also more via Philippines, etc., and considerable exchange relays of VOA via SMG site, which is allegedly being closed down. At least this will finally get the USG out of violating Separation of Church and State, altho obviously not the reason and of no concern to the ptb when initiating such a deal in the first place.

7305, Jan 16 at 0144, S9+30 open carrier from IBB Greenville becomes at 0145 the Vatican theme once, and opening Spanish, but I don`t catch exactly how it IDs, into papal news preview; so VR is still being relayed, violating Separation of Church and State, altho missing for a couple nights, feed input problem? However, at 0218 recheck it`s off, so maybe phasing out, shortened from the previous half-sesquihour until 0230? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Next two nights: chops off abruptly at 0200* (gh)

** VENEZUELA [and non]. COLOMBIA/VENEZUELA --- Con hachas y machetes, cerca de 60 personas ingresaron hasta la planta transmisora de Radio Fe Y AlegrÌa, ubicada en la poblaciÛn fronteriza de Paraguaipoa, en el estado Zulia, para derribar la antena de 120 metros y obtener recursos vendiÈndola como chatarra del lado colombiano. AsÌ lo asegurÛ Saylin Fernandez, coordinadora de la emisora:

ìCortaron las guayas de acero produciendo que se derribara la torre y una vez en el piso, las personas responsables de manera violenta comenzaron a picar la torre y las guayasî, indicÛ Fern·ndez.

La tambiÈn comunicadora social agregÛ que entiende ìla crÌtica situaciÛn de hambre y enfermedades que padecemos, pero de ninguna manera se puede avalar actos delictivos contra la propiedad nuestra ni de nadieî.

La emisora es reconocida por transmitir contenidos indÌgenas desde hace 19 aÒos y se lograba escuchar en varios municipios del norte del departamento de La Guajira (Caracol.com via Conexion Digital 14 Jan via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 7906-USB, Was able to get varying strengths of audible signals from Hai Phong R. at 1213, Vung Tau R. at 1225, Da Nang R. at 1235, Ben Thuy R. at 1250, Ho Chi Minh R. at 1305, but none of the subsequent others past 1400. Hai Phong and Ho Chi Minh were about equal and the best; 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. 7315, Jan 14 at 0138, S9+30 of dead air except for some slight pulsing noise, instead of Voice of Vietnam Spanish relay via WHRI. Presumably a SNAFU. By 0202, 7315 modulating news from some domestic far-right network.

7315, Jan 16 at 0147, S9+20 including noise level, amounts to insufficient signal from VOV relay via WHRI --- except I am hearing rock music, probably praise, with VOV Spanish feed lost again. After a few years of this arrangement, you`d think all parties would have

their act together, including backup routing (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN [non]. Reception of Republic of Yemen Radio, Jan 15 till 0657 on 11860 JED 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic, 0657-0856 on 11860 no signal of Republic of Yemen Radio from 0856 on 11860 unknown tx / unknown to N/ME Arabic: http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2018/01/reception-of-republic-of-yemen-radio.html (Ivo Ivanov, SWLDXBulgaria News, January 14-15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. Is that Zambia back on 5915? I'm hearing talk in presumed African language on 5915, 11 Jan 2018, 1955 UT. SINPO 44333 with CW QRM. 73 (Eike Bierwirth, Wiesbaden, Germany, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Only fair signal with U. Twente SDR receiver. Use LSB to avoid CW QRM. (-- Richard Langley, 2002 UT, ibid.)

Hi Eike, YES! Must be newly back, they weren't there earlier this week.

5915 Zambia, ZNBC1, Lusaka. Jan 12, 2018 Friday. 0241-0338. Fish eagles at tune in, anthem at 0251 by brass band, no vocals. Drums at 0253 then OM talking . At 0254, 2 audio cutouts but the carrier remained, back at 0255 into more talk by OM. Mentioned ìzero 8 hoursî and ìzero 5 hoursî, then a dove-sound and into more music and song. Nice cheerful music, nice to have them back. Good at first, but deteriorated to poor as our daylight arrived. Joíburg sunrise 0327 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5915, R. One/ZNBC. After being off the air for over six months, heard again Jan 12. Thanks very much to the original alert from Eike Bierwirth (Germany) and the follow up reports by Richard Langley (Canada) and Bill Bingham (RSA). Wonderful to have them back again!

Highlights:

0230: Test tone already on; mixing with CRI (China), in Russian.

0240: Test tone off; start of the distinctive call of the African Fish Eagle (national bird of Zambia) IS, till Anthem at 0251; still mixing with CRI.

0306+: African pop music/singing; CRI already gone.

0344-0354: intro & exit music certainly sounded religious (Christian),

with assume preaching in vernacular; followed by repetitive African drums and singing.

0359: Call of the African Fish Eagle, along with music.

0400-0404: News in vernacular, followed by rooster crowing & ads(?).

0406+: Two announcers chatting and laughing; gave phone number and started taking on air calls.

0422-0426: just a carrier (dead air), with no audio.

0426: Back with normal audio and phone calls.

My audio at
http://goo.gl/Fo3j3C
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5915, ZNBC/R. One. Per Ron Howard`s tip, found back on with OC at 0238, then start of Fish Eagle cry IS past 0245. Very poor and had to tune in LSB to avoid tremendous slop QRM from 5920 WHRI. Will have to try later when WHRI is off. Tnx Ron, and Eike Bierwirth, Richard Langley and Bill Bingham in DXLD. 12 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Hi Ron, I'm still hearing them at 0610, but very poor now. Not much above imagination level, but definitely drums and music (Bill Bingham, Jan 12, ibid.)

5915, Zambia Broadcasting Corporation, Lusaka (presumed), 1940-2005, 12-01, Vernacular comments, African songs. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

[and non]. 5915, ZNBC1, Lusaka. Jan 13, 2018 Saturday. 0240-0302. Unusually, QRM from CRI Russian via Kashi was affecting todayís reception on 5915. For the past few months there has been nothing heard on this frequency, but today at 0240 tune in there was a moderate SAH affecting what sounded like a 1 kHz sine wave from Lusaka, all superimposed on what sounded like children singing. At 0241 the sine wave stopped and fish eagles started. The kids carried on singing, but now partly suppressed.

The Zambian anthem began at 0252, replaced by drums and a song at 0255, at which point I noticed that the QRM had gone (EiBi says China goes off at 0300, so that fits). There was then an OM talking, with some crowd applause. ID at 0258 ìZambia National Broadcasting

Corporation Ö ZNBC Radio Oneî. Repeated again at 0258. Singing at 0300 then more talk and another ID followed by another song and more talk. Tuned out at 0302. Still there at a later check, 0529-0538. with surprisingly good reception for time of day 2 hours after our local sunrise. Obviously good propagation, hence presumably the CRI problem earlier. Joíburg sunrise 0328 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA. Drake R8E, Sony ICF2001D. dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I assume he means by a ``1 kHz sine wave`` a transmitted tuning tone rather than interference (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DGIEST)

Hi Bill, Jan 13 - Had similar reception in California. CRI noted at 0218, in Russian, on 5915. At 0233, carrier/test tone on from Zambia; 0241 start of their IS. CRI was many times stronger than Zambia. Yesterday's reception was the reverse, with the IS stronger than the much weaker CRI, per yesterday's recording.

Jan 13 - Also similar situation with Zanzibar (6015) [q.v.] So Jan 13, certainly had unusual propagation! (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5915, Zambia NBC, Lusaka, 1750-1817, 13-01, vernacular comments, African songs, at 1800 English comments, more vernacular comments and African songs. Very weak. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, ibid.)

5915. Jan 14, 2018. 0300-0310, Z,mbia NBC, Lusaka-ZMB, em Vernacular. Locutora apresenta um programa musical com m˙sica local e faz coment·rio antes de cada canÁ„o; 0310 Locutor e locutora falam e conversam entre si. Transmiss„o muito pobre e, ‡s vezes, quase inaudÌvel, 25332 para 25331 (DXer: Jose Ronaldo Xavier, Local da escuta: Cabedelo-PB, Brasil (UTC-3), Receptor (es): Sony 7600GR, Antena: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

5914.99, ZNBC/R. One, 0338- live studio M and W program hosts with chatter and taking phone calls. 0359 marvelous Fish Eagle mixed with fanfare, then quick ID by W and presumed news. 0403 Rooster crowing (which may have been the actual start of the next song) and into Afro Pop music. More of the talk show at 0405 to at least 0419. Not that bad of a signal and nice of 5920 WHRI to stay off, 14 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

5915, Zambia Radio NBC Radio 1, Lusaka, 2020-2035, 14-01, Vernacular comments, African songs. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 6165, NBC Radio - Lusaka (Tentative), 1/13, 0430 0438 in English. One OM announcer. Heard but not clearly. Another OM begins

music at 0433. SIO 212 (Ronald Sives, South Plainfield, NJ, ETON field radio and 66 ft. random wire, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 14 via DXLD)

Since ZNBC recently reactivated 5915, why not their other frequency 6165? Trouble is, RHC in English is already on 6165. Zambia has been off 6165 so long that in WRTH 2018 it`s not even listed as ``inactive`` like 5915 was at time of publication. Where did he even get 6165 as a Zam frequency? Aoki/NDXC, of course, which just won`t let go of long-outdated entries, or even mark them as such, in the unlikely event they ever come back. RHC hardly has 6165 to itself; at this very time, 0430, there is also NHK via Germany, but it`s in Russian (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. Zambia 6065 on air longer --- Yet another Zambian surprise, the Voice of Hope extended their broadcast today (12 Jan 2018) to 1930 UT, on both 6065 (strong signal here) and 4965 (weak, with ute noise on the USB). English language program about the source of Christianity, prayer, then Voice of Hope ID at 1930, 1 kHz test tone until c/d at 1931. The schedule on their website has been updated 10 January and still says closedown is at 1900. 73 (Eike Bierwirth, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

V of Hope - I just caught the Voice of Hope Africa closing down on 6065 kHz at 1930 UT (16 January) in English as per schedule dated 12 January at
http://voiceofhope.com/schedule/voh-africa_program_grid.pdf

0500-0800 mo-fr 9680, 11680
1600-1930 mo-fr 4965, 6065
1200-1700 sa-su 9680, 13680
1700-1730 su only 9680 13680
(Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, ibid.)

Actually, Alan, 1700-1730 isn't just Sunday only, it's also 9680 only.

The Mon-Fri extension to 1930 is a temporary change for six weeks. After Feb 16th, closedown will revert to 1900 (Ray Robinson, Voice of Hope, CA, ibid.)

Thanks, Ray - I missed the reference to "9680-only" for the 1700. So, is the 1700-1730 slot also on Saturdays(?), as the programme schedule is showing 1700 closedown on that day (Alan, ibid.)

Alan - the schedule is correct. 1700-1730 is only on Sundays and only on 9680 kHz (Ray, ibid.)

** ZANZIBAR. [Continued from ZAMBIA] Jan 13 - Also similar situation with Zanzibar (6015). PBS Xinjiang (northwest China), in Kazakh; heard

stronger than normal at 0245; at *0257 Zanzibar started with pop music (Spice FM?) and the two were mixing at about equal strength; 0301 Zanzibar with reciting from the Qur'an and still mixing badly with China. So Jan 13, certainly had unusual propagation! (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TANZ¬NIA. 6015. Jan 13, 2018. 0350-0400, Zanzibar BC, Dole-TZA, em SuaÌli. Locutor e locutora falam; 0357 Uma m˙sica local; 0400 Time pips e locutora fala: ID. ZBC com bom sinal e modulaÁ„o satisfatÛria, 45433 (DXer: Jose Ronaldo Xavier, Cabedelo-PB, Brasil, Sony 7600GR & Tecsun S-2000, Antena: Longwire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

11735, ZBC, 1805-1905 live coverage of the Mapinduzi Cup final between URA from Uganda and AZAM FC from Tanzania with M announcer doing the play-by-play and screaming on occasion when the action got intense. There were a few breaks when they cut into Afro Pop music. AZAM FC won 4-3; 13 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, Perseus with Wellbrook ALA1530S loop antenna, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

TANZANIA, 11735, Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation, Dole, 1750-1810, 14-01, Swahili, comments about soccer, English Premier League, mentioned Liverpool vs Manchester City, at 1800 time signals, English, news, "it's nine o'clock, the news from Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation", "The main points again", 1809: "This is the end of the news from Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporatino, thank you for listening", Swahili comments. 44444 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 15580, Jan 15 at 1934, announcement in language says ``VOA Shona`` and times 6 am, 2 pm, 7 pm (but now it`s 9:34 pm), 1935 into news in English about Zimbabwe, status of foreign currency, etc. Aoki shows at 1930-2000 this VOA via Botswana is for ``Learning English``, while merely English before and after, not the Zimbabwe/Shona service per se, which is on 15460 and 13860, via S„o TomÈ and 4930 Botswana on a complicated earlier schedule mixed with Ndebele and English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1710, Jan 16 at 0046 UT, normal sounding talk; ECSS helps a little, but not enough to be sure it`s in English; also a SAH. Besides the Spanish-screaming RLQT pirate in Louisiana, there`s also a new TIS station at Bandelier National Monument near Los ¡lamos NM, discovered by Tim Hall from his NV/UT Border Inn recordings. To be sought further (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4920, Jan 16 at 0029, het of rapidly varying pitch, I think meaning that Chennai and/or Lhasa employ an unstable transmitter. It`s AIR which was acting up lately with a buzz, supposedly repaired (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5558, 1811, Jammer with possible clandestine station under? Heard here in December several times. Not sure if station there. 222 28/12 (Kevin O'Daly, Rickmansworth, Herts., Icom R71E, Sony 2001D, 50ft longwire, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

What kind of ``jammer``??? There are so many different ways, and non-jammer noises. Any report about jamming must describe it (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5839-5860, UNKNOWN, UN-ID at 1110. Utility station I have dubbed "The Jackhammer". LOUD-! (This is most likely a type of OTHR system). Jan. 11, Unless noted otherwise, equipment was Satellit 750 and outdoor Slinky, RS SW-2000629 and various outdoor wires. Listening from middle Arizona. 73 and Good Listening......! -rb (Rick Barton, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5900-, Jan 16 at 0018, JBA carrier, a smidgin on the low side perhaps. Claudio Galaz, Chile, forwarded news that Chilean pirate Radio CompaÒÌa Worldwide would be testing some new frequencies, one at a time, including 5899.55 last night until 0335, so I am checking this as well as 6925, 6155 and 6092. At 0033 recheck no signal here. As Chris Smolinski points out, however, 5900 is already occupied at 0000-0030 by IBRA radio in Bengali via Uzbekistan. I was also checking for more S American pirates Chris tipped about 6935 and 8000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9743.62, UNID. Found a fairly strong OC here at 1323 with QRM from a strong TWR India 11 Jan. 73 (Dave Valko, near Dunlo, PA, Perseus SDR on micro-DXpedition, used a 315 foot BOG at 320 degrees, changed to 20 degrees, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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I hear that my last couple of reports got multiplied into up to a dozen copies some people received. Assuredly I sent out only one each, as usual, but yahoo thinx that`s not enough. Please don`t blame me. I myself received back no more than three from the DXLD yg (Glenn Hauser, Jan 12, dxldyg via DXLD)

No worries, Glenn. Just keep sending them. Enjoy the read and your ability to make it a interesting read. Thanks again (John Spicer, ibid.)

And it keeps happening. I have no idea why only with my log reports, not other posts and not via other lists (gh, DXLD)
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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1913:

Tnx to Ron Howard, Monterey CA, for a check with 2018 wishes to P O Box 1684, Enid OK, 73702

Ron, Many thanks for the check. And even more for the continuing flow of your editor-friendly top-notch reports. 73, (Glenn to Ron)

Glenn, It's I who am always grateful for all you do for our hobby!

Speaking of "editor-friendly" postings, I still miss the many good reports of Brian Alexander. Is now five years since his passing (Dec. 26, 2012). Doesn't seem possible that so much time has passed since then (Ron Howard, CA)

TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FUTURELY:

Thanks for always providing exceptional details and shortwave info every week! (Mark Brandau, with contribution via PayPal)

Thanks to Will Martin, St Louis MO, for a generous check (and subscriptions) to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

CQ Glenn. Again, thank you for all of your dedicated SWL works; also to your other supporters. You make SWL more fun and always informative. Tnx n 73 fer now Bob HNJ (Robert Zerilli with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com) Tnx --- (Glenn)

You're welcome, Glenn! An extra detail of praise that I really should have included was that you also make AM DX and SW more relative to keeping SWL competitive as a true media tool. I hope SWLs stay updated by you, and continue to realize what a real-world utility it is, support it, and continue to spread the word.

As much as I'd like to go beyond this topic, I have used my being a NYPD Police Officer, ham, CBer, FRS and GMRS'r while interacting with many people of all nationalities to "plug" SWL for many great reasons. Until they write to you or others alike, we'll never know if those many seeds have grown. Glenn, Tnx agn n 73 -fer-nw- (Bob Zerilli)

PUBLICATIONS
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DO SHORTWAVE ëNUMBERS STATIONSí REALLY INSTRUCT SPIES?
http://www.radioworld..com/news-and-business/0002/do-shortwave-numbers-stations-really-instruct-spies/341024
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

This link doesnít work. Here is the correct link.
http://www.radioworld.com/news-and-business/0002/do-shortwave-numbers-stations-really-instruct-spies/341024
(Richard Gedye, ibid.)

Notice the extra dot before the .com in the first one, as pulled out from underlain. Why does this keep happening? (gh, DXLD)

READING MEETING REPORT

[-] Since then, we've been growing up both as broadcasting (currently 24 hours a day), as well as radio, program diversification, team value, notoriety and audience.î

ìBroadcasting to an Audienceî, told how Charles Herroldís regular Wednesday night ìLittle Hamsî radio broadcast to an audience in San Jose, California and further afield between 1912 and 1917 made him the father of radio broadcasting, ten years before KDKA came on the air. A 7-minute extract is on YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QItA2_HJRZA

This is an extract from this 57-minute 1995 PBS documentary, ìBroadcastingís Forgotten Father: the Charles Herrold Storyî:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nIVv_2cGaQ

A San Diego Union newspaper report from July 22nd 1912 describes how Herroldís two-hour broadcast of phonograph music was heard by an audience of ìamateur wireless telegraph operatorsî within a 100-mile radius of San JosÈ:
https://tinyurl.com/y7p8ozvm

What was claimed to be the worldís most expensive radio set featured in the next film: the 1936 Crosley WLW radio (right). It had 37 tubes (valves) and a 12-inch dial and only 10 or 12 sets were made. One fully restored working set exists today. It cost $1,500, more than the cost of two cars back in 1936. Powel Crosleyís company made this set to outdo the Zenith Stratosphere set of the day, which cost $750 and also features in the film:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DueG7yzfn4
There were 350 Zenith Stratosphereís made, and about fifty remain today.

A 2004 Nuts & Volts magazine article, ìThe Colossus of Radioî about the Crosley WLW set (and also mentioning the Zenith Stratosphere) can be read at:
http://www.nutsvolts.com/magazine/article/the-colossus-of-radio

Crosley also made much more affordable sets, such as the Crosley Pup, advertised at under $10 in 1925:
https://www.radiomuseum.org/forumdata/users/24/file/Crosley_September_1925_Popular_Science_page1.jpg

An article on Powel Crosley, who also founded, WLW 700 AM, Cincinnati is online at:
http://wvxu.org/post/powel-crosley-jr-andnations-radio-station#stream/0

The first commercially made transistor radio, the 1954 Regency TR-1, is featured in this short film:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3fjihb6MKk
It was manufactured in the USA and has a dedicated memorabilia site:
http://www.regencytr1.com/
and Regency TR1 adverts from the time showed it cost a massive $49.95:
https://tinyurl.com/RegencyTR-1ad

Musician Roger McGuinn (of the Byrds fame) has a TR-1 amongst the many transistor radios in his collection and it appears in his interview on YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_z7fFB5yl0

The first transistor radio from Japan, the Sony TR-55 is described in this 3-minute film:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEkQuofT6x8

An early 1960s American advert for Remco Transistor Radio Kits ìfrom your favorite toy storeî:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CrTIE6iLYQ
(ìoh boy, weíre radio engineers!î).

And for 1950ís adults (including ìradio for a kingî) the Zenith 9-band Trans-Oceanic (and over 100 other Zenith models) are advertised in:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mO5d63WpNa8

BBC Local Radioís first station, BBC Radio Leicester, launched fifty years ago in November 1967 and back in 2007, Nation on Film looked back at the start of the BBCís first ìhome town radioî stations.

Narrated by Michael Buerk, we saw an extract from the full film at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLQPIslTfAc

The film was uploaded by Andy Walmsley in November 2017 to coincide with the anniversary and his ëRandom Radio Jottingsí blogspot also had a post:
http://andywalmsley.blogspot.co.uk/2017/11/the-peoples-radio.html

To close, some films and recordings from ìJonnyísî YouTube channel:

these and more at:
https://www.youtube.com/user/emmthreejonny

Radio Prague in 1968 during the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gy50YIU4P8E

Radio Werewolf in occupied Germany in 1945:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TP6iiyN6xYo

Freedom Radio, Budapestís final broadcast
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOKJkjYMzN8

and Free Kossuth Radio, Budapest
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYv1iCRusis
(both 1956);

Radio Bucharest, Romania at the time of the Romanian Revolution that overthrew the communistregime in 1989:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eL-uGto_WLM

and finally Radio Free Donbass (Eastern Ukraine, 2015)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXs4_glzpak

Thanks to Mike for compiling a varied and entertaining selection of radio film clips which as usual generated some discussion in the meeting, and afterwards at the ìGreat Expectationsî. And thanks to all those who came along to the meeting on a winterís afternoon, including some new faces! The next meeting is on Saturday February 3rd - hope to see you there! (Alan Pennington, Reading Meeting Report, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

SHORTWAVE MUSIC
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MUSIC ON SHORTWAVE B-17 V2.0

Hello, This email message is a notification to let you know that a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the dxld group.

File : /Music on Shortwave B-17 v2.0.pdf
Uploaded by : alandroe
Description : I have uploaded an updated "Music Programmes on Shortwave" for the B17 season to the files section of this Yahoo group. I hope that you find it of interest. As always, I appreciate any updates or corrections. Alan Roe, Teddington, UK

You can access this file at the URL [if you are a member]:

https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/dxld/files/
Music%20on%20Shortwave%20B-17%20v2.0.pdf
Regards, (alandroe, Jan 10, dxldyg via DXLD)

LISTENING POST WITH ALAN ROE
listeningpost@bdxc.org.uk

On occasions, I would just like some music to play as background whilst I do other things ñ such as write this article. On those occasions, I have several ìgo-toî stations to try.

Number one choice on shortwave in the evenings or overnight (if I am having a sleepless night) is Voice of Greece on either 9420 or 9935 kHz. One or other of these frequencies can often be heard from around 1900 to 0800 UT with a wide range of music played. However, at present transmissions are somewhat irregular, frequently with either an earlier or later start or finish, or simply missing completely.

My number two choice is the Turkish service of the Voice of Turkey. In the mornings, 15350 is a good option between 0700-1400 and 5980 or 6120 in the evenings between 1700-2200. This station plays a fine selection of Turkish songs much of the time, although there are speech programmes and sport (football in the evenings) during some of these periods.

My number three choice in the afternoons is currently All India Radio on 11560 in the afternoons, which is providing a great signal for its Dari service 1330 to 1415 UT and Pashto from 1415 to 1530. Both services consist predominantly of Hindi music (with some news programmes included), and I have been enjoying these programmes for the last few weeks.

Of course, there are also programmes at specific times/days that I try to make a point of listening, and I must mention here the weekends at 1500 on 9400 via Bulgaria, where I enjoy some great classic oldies with The Giant Jukebox on The Mighty KBC on Saturdays, and From The Isle of Music with a fantastic variety of Cuban music, including jazz, disco and classical music.

I have compiled a list of music programmes in a variety of languages (an extension of the selection in English programming which appeared in last monthís Broadcasts in English companion to Communication). I have uploaded the extended list as a PDF file to the files section of the BDXC Yahoo Group. If you do not subscribe to that list, then I can send you a copy by email ñ just send me a request to listeningpost@bdxc.org.uk

However, aside from shortwave, there are a couple of stations down on

the Long and Medium wave bands that I will often spend some time with, especially in the evenings or overnight.

The first choice is Radio Romania Antena Satelor on 153 kHz longwave which plays a great selection of Romanian traditional and folk tunes ñ the same as heard in Truly Romanian segment twice a week in the shortwave English service, or in Zi-le D-Alead-Ale Noastre in the shortwave Romanian service.

As described on the RRI website: ìRadio Antena Satelor is the only radio station specializing in Romanian village issues, which emits 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In its 80-year history, Radio Romania has always had contact with the world of villages, but the idea of a fully-fledged rural post came after the 1989 changes. Officially, our post was born (began broadcasting) in 1991, on a day full of significance, on December 25, broadcasting 5 hours a day news from the area of rural interest and popular folk music, from the folk music library of the Radio, the richest and most valuable sound archive of the Romanian musical folklore (Alan Roe, Listening Post, January BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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TENTATIVE 2018 WINTER SWL FEST PROGRAM AND FORUMS SCHEDULE

This is to notify that the TENTATIVE 2018 Winter SWL Fest Program and Forums Schedule, to be held 1-3 March 2018, has been published on the Festís official web site:
http://www.swlfest.com
(Richard Cuff, John Figliozzi, 2018 NASWA Winter SWL Fest Co-Chairs, Jan 13, dxld yg via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS
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LA DX to HI

<< Richard E Wood also had lots of Latin American MWDX from his location inland on the eastern side of BIHI, near Hilo I believe. I see zero mention of LA DX among current visitors. 73, Glenn Hauser >>

I had the same thought. Beyond obvious Mexicans, Richard had quite a few South Americans in the book including Pacific Coast ones from Chile et al. - ones seldom logged in the east - as well as some of the ones more common on this side of the country (e.g. Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia) that don't seem to have much traction on the US / Canada Mountain and Pacific time zones.

Going another direction, Richard also had a lot of interior Asian DX from India, a bunch of "-stan" countries, and even a scattering of stations from Europe and Africa: difficult routes.

Of course being there all the time has an advantage over vacation visiting. Full size Beverage antennas near the shore didn't hurt either.

His old reports could point to times when looking for far-flung DX such as Argentina, India, and Saudi Arabia may have at least a slight chance of reception.

Serious US / Canada domestic DX would be another worthwhile activity. Of course KFI, KNBR, etc. are the barn-burners but how far east can you go -- on the clears, the regionals, and the graveyard frequencies? There could be some surprises. Newfoundland to Hawaii ... who knows?

<< When I was in Hilo last, there was Spanish all across the dial - I always thought: how hard would it be to hear South America in Hawaii? I think because we hear so little SA DX in WCNA, we don?t know what to listen for. Colin Newell - Victoria - B.C. CANADA - >>

Two things need to happen.

(1) Read Richard's old reports and filter for what stations are still actually active. Splits, of course, are all gone, though there are some stations (like Venezuela 1039.62) far enough off frequency to be "sort of" split. Dates / times of receptions are still useful, especially if you can research what was going on geomagnetically then. This is even true for "dead" station logs since the reports still can point to propagation viability into specific areas at certain times of year / hours of the day.

(2) Capture the band with SDR technology at a variety of times from an hour before sunset onwards. Water in the right directions will definitely help. There are plenty of Latin American experts on the RealDX Yahoogroup and elsewhere to sort out your unIDs. East Coast and Europe based Latin American log reports (from FL, NC, NJ, MA, ME, PEI, NL, UK, Finland, etc.) will highlight a lot of the "usuals" along with network affiliations / parallel MW & SW freq's, slogans, characteristic pips / chimes, music or talk format, and other tidbits of possibly-useful information (advertisers, local politicians / issues, churches, pop culture, and so on).

The fact that "usuals" heard in Europe or NE USA / E Canada aren't all going to be the same as what you get in HI still puts an element of challenge and discovery into the mix. You will hear more South America

than on the US West Coast just as more is heard in Newfoundland than on the US East Coast. Big separation from co-channel domestic pests and mostly over-water routes do matter (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, Jan 11, IRCA via DXLD)

We were on the south coast of Kauai in Sept.-Oct. 1984 and picked up LT2-1230 Rosario (9/29) and LR1-1070 Buenos Aires (10/4) and got veries from both. I don?t recall hearing any other Spanish-language stations - but of course that was 34 years ago? Receiver? I think it was the ICF 2001. I also had a loop. That helped (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, ibid.)

This is an excellent discussion. The use of SRD technology from Hawaii definitely sounds intriguing, but the logistics of an appropriate broad band antenna remain a bit sticky. I wish I could have made the trip to Grayland more than once! Last year I tried in vain to identify a VRBO on the Oregon coast that would allow a reasonable and reasonably transported (via airline) broad band antenna. I had originally planned to take a flag/corner fed loop with an FLG100 and couple of telescoping fishing poles. That plan fell through once the actual owners were contacted a second time when I asked the rental agency for verification that the temporary antenna was permissible.

While a couple of 500' spools of small gauge wire are transportable, scouting for ideal beverage locations from afar can be a bit of a challenge. I resorted to TP DXing from Kalaloch, WA equipped with one of Gary's excellent FSLs. Fortunately, Gary DeBock has the interest and ability to design and construct his "airport friendly" FSLs, which as Colin has demonstrated can be easily transported away from local QRM sources. I will be back at Kalaloch this March with one of Gary's FSLs. Even though the FSLs are frequency specific, these FSLs are difference makers. I successfully used mine with a stock Tecsun PL-310, which is also easily transportable. Best of DX, (Craig Barnes, Wheat Ridge, CO, ibid.)

I really believe that it comes down to knowledge and confidence.

I bought a copy of (I think) Communications World in 1973 or 1974 that had a feature on TA DX --- hearing Europe from America on medium wave and I went, ?wait... what??

And then a sample IRCA bulletin in 1974 where I saw someone hear Okinawa on 1178 kHz on the West Coast; granted, it was a megawatt.

I met Nick Hall-Patch because of this same sample IRCA bulletin. ?Another DXER in my town? Ya kidding me!?

When I first tuned 1178 VOA Japan in (and I still have the cassette

recordings) I just about peed myself with giddiness. It was one of those magic hobby moments where your mind is blown for all time. Hearing the UK, Germany and Russia on medium wave in 1976 was also one of those moments.

My point being: you can hear anything, anywhere if you are willing to put in the time with the right knowledge, equipment and timing (Colin Newell - Kona, Hawaii, ibid.)

Mark and All, Like Craig says, the logistics of setting up large broadband antennas during temporary Hawaii trips will be a major challenge. Most of the major motels forbid large external antennas, and it would probably take a lengthy search to find a private house owner that would allow one. This challenge would be in addition to the hassle of carrying any large poles or other loop components through airports.

The topography of the Big Island pretty much determines which transoceanic DX areas will be favored at any given location, with the west side having enhanced TP and DU-DX, and the east side far better for North and South American DX. The large volcanoes running through the middle of the island greatly reduce transoceanic signals from the opposite directions. Because of this if a DXer wants to be competitive in all directions, he had better be in a location like the southern tip of the island, which has no major obstructions like those described above. Hawaii also has major transoceanic propagation changes from season to season, so a visitor would need to choose a time and location suitable for his DXing goals.

"Hit and run" DXers with Ultralights and FSL's can sample transoceanic DX almost anywhere on the islands, so although we can't record spectrum we can be pretty competitive on frequencies of choice, especially with the freedom to easily set up on beaches favoring our desired type of transoceanic DX (Gary DeBock (in Puyallup, WA, USA), ibid.)

MUSEA
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THE BBC AT WAR, BBC TWO, review: 'intriguing' - Telegraph

Glenn: If you receive the BBC World News television channel, you will be able to view part one of a two part documentary on the BBC during World War Two this weekend. The second part airs next weekend.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/tv-and-radio-reviews/11671926/The-BBC-at-War-BBC-Two-review-intriguing.html
Best (Charles Harlich, Jan 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO DAYS OUT IN LONDON

By David Harris davidharris@bdxc.org.uk

Happy New Year to all members of BDXC. If you are looking for an easy to fulfil New Yearís resolution why not try to visit some radio museums this year? Since retiring in 2014 I have been making an effort to see more of Londonís museums, particularly those that have some radio related exhibits. If you live in or near London or perhaps are planning a short break to the capital, here is my choice of three central London museums with good radio collections.

Science Museum. Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD Open: 1000 ñ 1800 daily. Admission free (donation requested)
http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

This museum in one of Londonís largest and most popular visitor attractions. A map of the museum is obtainable from reception and is essential to enable one to navigate the five floors and galleries.

The main area devoted to communications is the Information Age gallery, which opened in October 2014. This has six linked areas covering the main developments in telecommunications:

Cable, Broadcast, Exchange, Constellation, Web and Cell. Cable covers areas such as electric telegraph signalling, Morse Code and transatlantic cables. Broadcast looks at Marconiís experiments, radio at sea and the early days of the BBC. There are is some old radio equipment including early transmitters and a massive Aerial tuning inductor from GBR Rugby. There is a lot about telephones and a good display about satellites including a replica of Telstar which heralded the age of global broadcasting. There are also comprehensive displays about the history of computing and the development of the mobile phone and GPS.

The Making of the Modern World gallery on the ground floor has a fine display of radios from the 1920ís and 1930ís. The basement houses the Secret Life of the Home with many post war TVs, radios and a display about in-car entertainment. There is a Flight Gallery on the Third floor which covers air traffic control communications.

There are five cafes in the museum. I recommend spending the whole day here and slowly working your way around the various galleries. Even if you think that you are not that interested in science, everything is so well displayed and explained that you do leave the museum with a real sense of learning.

Design Museum. 224-238 Kensington High Street, London W8 6AG Open

10:00 ñ 18:00 daily. Admission free to main gallery only. Charges apply to exhibitions in other galleries.
https://designmuseum.org

This is one of Londonís newest museums, which opened in November 2016. The museum has replaced the original Design Museum which opened in 1989 near Tower Bridge, London. It is housed in the radically renovated Commonwealth Institute building. The core collection (Designer, Maker, User gallery) is actually quite modest is size but radios are well represented in two major displays. This is a very modern museum which does not have display cases with every possible model of radio and TV on show. The curators have chosen a rather arty approach by displaying radios and TVs on a wall. The displays include models by Bush, Keracolor, Saba, Phillips, Murphy, B & O, Brionvega and Roberts.

The second display is a gallery sponsored by Sony and Braun which illustrates how those companies had put design at the forefront of product development. Sony have always been associated with innovate TVs. Amongst their displays are: Sony Trinitron Colour TV (1988), Sony TV 110 portable b&w TV (1972) and a very early example of a CD player, Sony CDP 101 (1982).

Braun may not be one of the best known names in radio but they were certainly very stylish. The display includes: Braun RT20 tabletop radio, (1961), Braun Ski portable radio (1955), Braun Regie 550 Stereo Hi-fi receiver (1976) and the incredible Braun T 1000 World Band radio (1962)

Museum of Brands, Packaging and Advertising.
111-117 Lancaster Rd, London W11 1QT Open: 1000 -1800 Tuesday ñ Saturday, 1100 ñ 1700 Sunday. Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays) Admission: Adults £9, over 60s £7. (NT members get 50% reduction). No photography.
http://www.museumofbrands.com

This private museum first opened in 1984 in Gloucester Docks to house a collection formed by consumer historian Robert Opie. It relocated to Notting Hill, London in 2005 and in 2016 moved to larger premises in Ladbroke Grove, London. Whilst the museum is primarily a display of food and drink packaging and advertisements it also has a good collection of old radios. The museum has a huge display cabinet which takes up a whole wall and houses over 250 examples of mainly post-war domestic radio receivers. I am sure you will be able to recognise some radios that you and your family owned.

The main exhibition area is the Time Tunnel. This is a long gallery which commences in the early C19 with newspaper advertisements and

then advances decade by decade until we arrive in the 1990ís. The focus of the museum is on the types of consumer goods that were bought by ordinary British people. This is not a museum of technological progress or cutting edge design.

It is a feast of pure nostalgia focusing on the ordinary and the mundane. Each section of the Tunnel from 1920ís to 1990ís features a small number of domestic radios and other electrical appliances.

A comprehensive list of British museums with radio collections can be found on the BDXC website:
http://bdxc.org.uk/museums.html
(Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See GUAM; KUWAIT; USA: WRMI/WBCQ
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See AUSTRALIA
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See MEXICO: 630 re 1070 USA
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also MEXICO; USA: WFUN
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OTA DIGITAL TV (ATSC) IN THE US AND USE OF THE SPECTRUM

And the question is - why haven't any quality multi-cast choices SURFACED for OTA television broadcasters? Such as 24/7 national news, 24/7 sports programming, women's interest programming, and so on. And then there is PBS's Create TV. Maybe someone could learn something from that.

Frankly, I'm puzzled by the use of the DTV spectrum or bandwidth of licensed TV broadcasters in the United States. Specifically, I'm talking about how the local TV broadcaster, which is in most cases a network affiliate, splits up their bandwidth to accommodate the use of additional programming sources. This is commonly known as multi-casting (the source is known as a bit-caster). Its possible the way the US OTA television broadcasters are offering multiple program choices, its giving OTA television a bad wrap [sic] (or bad name?).

I can't understand why there can now be a plethora of RE-RUN TV channels. I don't have to name them. You know them. They sign one year or multi-year contracts to syndication to show the same shows over and over. The contract runs out, then another channel out bids them for the same programs and here we go again for another year or two. Yeah,

I know that kind of programming is el cheapo, but how much of the US population wants to watch that kind of programming over and over and over and.....

A couple years ago ESPN, which is co-owned by Disney Entertainment & Hearst Corporation, had assembled an OTA 24/7 sports news channel they were prepared to offer to local broadcasters as a sub-channel. It was suppose to be a similar platform to local news, where the broadcaster could insert local sports news at certain times of the day, as well as select LOCAL sports (baseball, basketball, football). ESPN's intention was that the channel would be used as a teaser for programming being offered on the subscription channels. They started getting all kinds of negative feedback from the cable providers that such a channel would dilute the value of the subscription channels. ESPN execs said they couldn't understand where that idea was coming from, but Disney went ahead and squashed the channel before it happened.

I'm also surprised there isn't a reputable 24/7 national news channel that has surfaced, similar to the Weather Nation (WN) outlet for weather. I understand that WN is actually making money now. Yeah I know that on cable/sat there is MSNBC, CNN, Fox News and a few others? But I would think advertisers would support a FREE OTA 24/7 national news source. The local affiliate could plug in a news break hourly for a 24/7 national news channel. There are a lot of news junkies out there and many of them are the ones that won't pay for TV.

When ATSC 3 comes around, the understanding is that the local broadcaster can offer EVEN MORE multi-cast choices, without compromising the HD content of the primary program sources. Offer more what??? More re-run TV? Hoo-boy, I can hardly wait (Jim Thomas, Springfield, MO, Ozark Mountain DTV dxing Daredevil, Jan 18, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

I don't believe that there is sufficient demand for such channels via OTA right now. And I'm not sure there ever will be. Cable has multiple news only channels already. So too sports channels. If someone else tried to go where ESPN was considering going, I think the result would be the same.

Yes, there are more people today using OTA and fewer cable, but not by big enough numbers to justify national OTA services. And that doesn't take into account competition from internet services.

Something major would have to change in order for OTA to again gain enough relevance/viewership to support anything additional (Russ Edmunds, 15 mi NW Philadelphia, PA, WB2BJH -- Grid FN20id, ibid.)

Good thread idea. As a cord cutter since 1993, I have some things to

say. [If this isn't my longest post of my 4,000+, I'd be shocked.]

There *are* those out there like myself, who flat-out cannot stand current scripted TV. Those classic TV channels are a blessing.

I believe it was 1995 when Nickelodeon started TV Land out of its Nick @ Nite programming. Somewhere in my mess of DVD/VHS I have part of the first week of it, thru a tape trader in IL. TV Land was really a great idea, and they even had "retromercials" during breaks. They knew what the older folk wanted. Now --- what happened??? Today, not much further back than 1995? -- and doing their own shows sometimes. How often can someone watch "Raymond" or Geo. LÛpez??

So these OTA deals like MeTV (who also knows their stuff) came to the rescue --- and, it's FREE! (I have a relative who shocked some young'uns once, telling them that TV can be free. Woulda loved to see their reaction.)

Sure, often, these stations run the same stuff over and over, and/or lose rights to another channel; but they do gradually make a teeny tweak here and there, to keep things fresh. AntennaTV added some long-unseen stuff like Head of the Class & Hogan Family; but they also got ahold of "Alice" reruns. It's also a sort of "history lesson," to show what the social morÈs were like. Imagine --- no computers, no smartphones --- ppl actually talked to each other then!! (Many plots back then centered around a person missing; a millennial will watch and say, "why didn't they just get out their phone and call?")

I have watched AntennaTV reruns of The George Burns & Gracie Allen Show. I admit, even *I* who was born in 1959 don't get some of the old pop culture jokes. (Monte Woolley? --- oh well, all I have to do now is Google who he was! True, likely the joke wouldn't be much funnier...)

Also with classic TV I can view in good ole 4:3 which my TV is, anyway! It is true, I might miss an entire phone number or name of a website, in a commercial that might interest me. However, my Insignia CECB remote has options for that. If I wanna watch a live sporting event, I simply view as letterboxed, but not much during the week.

I agree though, it is time to get into 2018 and add other types of channels. Here at home, all we have for weather is the Weathernation channel, and that isn't even in Miami. (W Palm Beach) I thought I read somewhere that someone wanted to try a news subchannel. I'd love to see that, but that'll cost billions with a B. And the ROI? Vegas wouldn't touch those odds.

I think another good idea would be to run commercial stuff from other

countries, as long as there are subtitles, if not in EE. A travel channel might work too.

A new sub this year will be called Quest --- a sort of Discovery or Nat'l Geographic for the tightwads --- like me.

A big gamble IMO is the "TBD" sub, trying to reach that crowd my relative talked to, above! I saw some of it (seems to be a lot of stuff about video games). I can only view it out of a -CD in West Palm Beach, so tropo has to be good.

The Decades channel, a joint venture from CBS & Weigel (the MeTV ppl), is the best idea in years (or decades?). Combining history (using CBS News archives) & entertainment. I do think Decades does get too political* for my liking, but free speech. They can also cut down on the incessant Dick Cavett Show reruns (which may have been a response to AntennaTV's blockbuster package deal getting Johnny Carson) and also reruns (twice weeknights!) of Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In, with terribly dated political jokes (again, possibly a history lesson), but still a hit-and-miss with their humor.

Although I don't watch, and I am not in their demo, Bounce TV is doing fairly well, I understand. And I think, like TV Land, they intro'd a scripted sitcom. I wonder how much its actors get paid.

The biggest downside of all these channels, I guess, are some of the ads, which I guarantee you will not see in the upcoming SB LII.

I could add more, but my creative juices are clotting right now.

[* Speaking of political --- one thing I love about these subchannels is, almost NO political ads, even approaching elections. I think I can decide for myself.] :P

Y'all still awake? Hahahahaha cd (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Although I'm as fond of National Geographic and similar as you are, I'm 180 degrees in the opposite direction about the proliferation of "Classic TV" channels. I can't see why anyone would watch them, and I would dispute the idea that those were any lest formula/scripted than today's.

(Disclaimer: Since my college degree is in TV & Radio Production, I probably have a somewhat slanted viewpoint because of that in that I tend to view a lot of the TV from the 1950's and early 1960's as being primitive, not just in terms of the technology but also in terms of the sophistication of the actual programs.)

I've never personally subscribed to cable for purely reasons of having to overpay for a majority of channels I don't want and won't watch. But again that's just me.

I might be able to come up with one or two programs from the late 1960's, early 1970's period which I might want to see again if I tried hard enough, but that again would be personal preference (Russ Edmunds, 15 mi NW Philadelphia, PA, Jan 19, ibid.)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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DOCUMENTARY FILM "WAR FOR COLOR" (MTRK "MIR"). IN RUSSIAN.
http://mirtv.ru/video/57807/

For 50 years now we can enjoy a color picture on TV. Behind this discovery there was a great rivalry: the struggle for the human minds of the two political regimes - communism and capitalism. How did manufacturers and developers defend their systems, and with what problems did they face? Who tested and made the decisions? You will know the answers right now!
The time now is 5:17 AM.
https://vk.com/club59176345
(Rus-DX Jan 14, published early Jan 10, via DXLD)

RADIO FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE

The IARU Watches WPT Developments:
Posted: 11 Jan 2018 04:06 PM PST
http://www.eham.net/articles/40680

Widespread interest continues in Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) technology, reflecting the considerable concern about its potential to cause radio frequency interference. Studies continue ahead of the World Radiocommunications Conference 2019 with its Agenda item 9.1.6 - Wireless Power Transmission (WPT) for electric vehicles. WPT applications are expanding to mobile and portable devices, home appliances and office equipment. The automotive industry looks to it for electric vehicle applications in the near future. Power levels range from milliwatts to hundreds of kilowatts and typical transmission ranges are up about 30 centimetres. Posted by: (Mike Terry, Jan 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

QUESTION ABOUT THE USE OF RDS IN CENTRAL AMERICA & CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

Does anyone have any ideas how a person goes about *connecting* with radio enthusiasts/hobbyists that live in the larger cities that are

located in Central America and the Caribbean islands?

I am the editor for the Central American and Caribbean FM listings in the WTFDA FM database. I would like to improve the information for the use of RDS in those areas. I'm not certain its possible. I am certain Central American radio stations in Cd. Guatemala, Tegucigalpa, San JosÈ, Managua, Cd. Panam· use RDS, but its hard to confirm unless a dxer has a good Es opening to one of those areas. Likewise for Caribbean islands. And I know there has got to be radio listeners in those areas that are interested in the use of RDS. But I haven't figured out how to find them.

I read information recently from the CIA's latest World Fact Book (2016) about current internet usage in Central America. I think access to the internet is a key to locating someone that is interested in the use of FM RDS/RDBS and their willingness to share their city or location band-scan information.

This is the percentage of current internet usage in Central American countries, as of 2016:

    Belize 44.6% (157,735 users)
    Costa Rica 66% (3,217,277)
    El Salvador 29% (1,785,254)
    Guatemala 34.5% (5,241,952)
    Honduras 30% (2,667,978)
    Nicaragua 24.6% (1,466,152)
    Panam· 54% (2,000,833)

    ...and select Caribbean locations:

    Cuba 38.8% (4,334,022)
    Dominican Republic 61.3% (6,504,998)
    Haiti 12.2% (1,282,686)
    Jamaica 45% (1,336,653)

Any ideas on how to locate radio hobbyists in those areas? Last edited by Jim Thomas; 01-16-2018 at 01:34 PM. Reason: Corrected, updated information (Jim Thomas, Springfield, MO, Jan 16, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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PROPAGATION REPORT FROM SOUTH AFRICA
Saturday, January 13, 2018 11:37 AM

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to

be at low levels. There is no threat of solar flares. In 2017 there were a total of 104 days without sunspots. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around one. The 15 to 30 metre bands will provide lots of DX fun. Please visit the website
http://spaceweather.sansa.org.za
for further information (via Mike Terry, Jan 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

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Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html
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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 08 - 14 January 2018

Solar activity was very low throughout the summary period. Regions 2694 (S32, L=244, class/area=Axx/10 on 10 Jan) and 2695 (S08, L=260, class/area=Bxo/10 on 11 Jan) briefly contained sunspots and simple magnetic signatures early this period, but both regions were generally quiet and unproductive. No Earth-directed CMEs were observed.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit remained at normal flux levels throughout the summary period.

Geomagnetic field activity reached G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels early on 14 Jan with isolated active periods observed on 08, 09 and 14 Jan due to the influences of multiple positive polarity CH HSSs. Generally quiet and quiet to unsettled geomagnetic field activity was observed throughout the remainder of the summary period.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 15 JANUARY-10 FEBRUARY 2018

Solar activity is expected to prevail at very low levels throughout the outlook period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels on 15-19 and 23-25 Jan and moderate levels are expected on 20-22 and 26-28 Jan. Normal flux levels are

expected to prevail through the remainder of the outlook period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to reach G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels on 19-20 Jan with active levels expected on 21 Jan due to the influence of a recurrent, negative polarity CH HSS. Generally quiet and quiet to unsettled conditions are expected throughout the remainder of the outlook period.

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Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center
Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
Issued 2018-01-15
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2018 Jan 15	70	10	3
2018 Jan 16	70	5	2
2018 Jan 17	70	5	2
2018 Jan 18	70	5	2
2018 Jan 19	70	18	5
2018 Jan 20	70	18	5
2018 Jan 21	70	15	4
2018 Jan 22	72	10	3
2018 Jan 23	72	5	2
2018 Jan 24	72	5	2
2018 Jan 25	72	5	2
2018 Jan 26	72	5	2
2018 Jan 27	72	5	2
2018 Jan 28	70	10	3
2018 Jan 29	70	5	2
2018 Jan 30	70	5	2
2018 Jan 31	70	5	2
2018 Feb 01	70	5	2
2018 Feb 02	70	5	2
2018 Feb 03	70	5	2
2018 Feb 04	70	8	3
2018 Feb 05	70	8	3
2018 Feb 06	70	5	2
2018 Feb 07	70	5	2
2018 Feb 08	70	5	2
2018 Feb 09	70	8	3
2018 Feb 10	70	12	3

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1913, DXLD) ###